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Address at Baptist World
Congress July 16, 1955.

Editor's Note: Dr. Gezork is president of Andover - Newton Theological Seminary. He delivered this address at the meeting of the Baptist World Congress in London on July 16. Some felt that he more nearly expressed the hearts and minds of the Congress than any other, in this address.

What are Baptists standing for? What is the distinctive element of their witness to the world and their witness to their fellow Christians of other confessions and denominations?

We as Baptists hold no monopoly on the Gospel. With many other Christians, all across the world and all across denominational lines, we share the great basic convictions of the Christian faith.

With them we believe that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself; with them we hold that in the birth and life and death and resurrection of Christ God has revealed himself as in no other event in all human history; with them we hope and pray and work for
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Shown above is a picture of the Audio Visual Aids award which was recently presented to the Audio Visual Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Baptist Film Wins National Award

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—The Audio-Visual Aids Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, won the first award for the film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage," at the Cleveland, Ohio, Film Festival for 1955.

Earl Waldrup, department secretary, said the recent film festival is an annual affair, in which producers of both religious and educational films enter what they think to be their best productions. The Baptist film was entered and received first place in the category of religion.

Waldrup said, "This is a significant recognition because it competed with the best films that have been made by all religious film producers during the past twelve months."

A Moderator Speaks

"Moderator's Comments At the 84th Annual Session of Lincoln County Baptist Association".

Editor's Note: This address was made by the Moderator, Rev. Brooks H. Wester, of the Lincoln County Association in its Annual meeting October 20 and 21 with Mt. Moriah Church. By vote of the Association he was asked to see that they be printed in the BAPTIST RECORD and the local papers.

Southern Baptists are engaged in a concerted an aggressive crusade for Christian morality. The period of special emphasis is 1956.

The preparatory emphasis during the last three months of 1956 is REGENERATION as the foundation of morality.

The emphases in 1956 will be on the importance of HONESTY in all areas of life, the first three months; the imperative of CLEAN LIVING the second quarter; the practice of CIVIC RIGHTEUSNESS in personal, community, and national life, the third quarter; the fourth quarter will close the period with emphasis on the necessity for ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

We have assumed too long that just because a person professes faith in Christ that person has immediately born into them the right answers to every moral question that might arise. We have realized that each of those newborn children need adequate instruction as to the expression of their newborn faith.

In a county where the membership of our Churches number more than 11,000 of the total population we are the deciding factor in every moral issue that might arise.

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Expect 2000 Men At B'Hood Rally



Dr. Chester L. Quarles



Dr. Duke K. McCall

Missions Clinic Opens Kittiwake Assembly Program

The opening conference to be held at Kittiwake Baptist Assembly was a School of Missions Clinic held on Monday and Tuesday of this week under direction of Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary Rural Church Work Department of the State Convention Board. The clinic began at noon on Monday, Oct. 31 and adjourned the next day at noon.

Program personalities included J. E. Berkstresser, secretary of Rural Work, Alabama Baptist Convention, Montgomery; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Picayune; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. Curtis Sanders, Columbia; Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale and Rev. O. B. Anderson, Long Beach.

Those who attended were pastors and associational missionaries from Hancock, Harrison, Pike, Forest, Lamar, Lawrence, Amite, Wilkinson and Jackson counties, in which schools of missions are scheduled early in 1956.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, (left above) and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer, will be the two featured speakers for the annual State Brotherhood Rally which will be held Monday afternoon and evening, Nov. 14, one day prior to the State Convention.

Dr. McCall, a native Mississippian, will be the closing speaker at the evening service while Dr. Quarles' message will follow the opening special music by the Blue Mountain College choir.

Up to 2,000 men, coming from every section of the state, are expected to swell the auditorium of the First Church for this high hour.

W. R. Roberts, state Brotherhood secretary, will preside over the Rally which will begin at 2 p. m.

Other program personalities will include Dr. Cecil Randall, pastor, Highland Church, Meridian; James Sapp, associate in Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; Joel Ray, state R. A. secretary; Carl Kosanke, educational director, Calvary Church, Jackson; and A. C. Wimpee, Dallas, associate in State Brotherhood Department of Texas.

The annual banquet will be held at 5 p. m. at Calvary church with Rev. Gordon Sansing, pastor Broadmoor Church, Jackson as toastmaster and Mr. Wimpee featured in magic.

State BSU Group Votes Change In Constitution

Twenty-three of the 26 colleges in the state were represented at the annual state BSU Convention held over the past week-end on the campus of Mississippi College.

More than 700 students were registered at the meeting presided over by David Sansing, host college student and president of the State Greater B S U Council.

The largest visiting delegation was from Blue Mountain with a total of 82. M. S. C. W. was second with 54 and William Carey College had 44. There

were more than 186 registered from the host college.

The students voted to meet next year in December instead of October as in the past with the locale of the convention to be announced later.

In a spirited business meeting Saturday afternoon the body voted to change its constitution calling for the election of officers from the floor rather than by nominating committee as at present. Officers are elected each year at the Spring Retreat.

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As the Convention Board Books are being held open until Wednesday, November 2, it is impossible to state if the Cooperative goal has been reached but the bookkeeping department has made a hurried check of Tuesday morning's receipts and the approximate total for the year as of eleven o'clock Tuesday, November 1, is \$1,487,387. 79. But Wednesday's receipts are yet to come and a full account will appear in the next issue of the Baptist Record. The amount needed to reach the goal is only \$22,612.21. Mrs. Daphne Pridgen, the head bookkeeper, says the goal will be reached.

A Moderator . . .

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If there is a lack of honesty in any area of our county life, it is because Baptist people are either dishonest themselves, or are willing to permit dishonesty to go uncontested.

If there is unclean living expressed in impurity in marriage and personal chastity, it is because Baptists are a part to such uncleanness.

If there is corruption in civic affairs it is because Baptists fail to be unspotted from the world, and openly allow others to carry on corrupt practices in government.

If there is an increase in the consumption of alcoholic beverages in this county, it is because a lot of Baptists are bottle bibbers and are contributing to the support of the boot-legger. This year of elections has served to spotlight the need for Christian morality in civil affairs.

I believe this crusade can best begin in the pulpits of our churches. We preachers need such a crusade for our own spiritual health. Sometimes we get the idea that we are always honest, that we do the right thing in every situation. But if we are not careful we slip into practices that are wrong.

In our honesty with God we need to be constantly reminded that He did not call us to a life of laziness nor to the pursuit of personal pleasure. God calls us to deny ourselves and to a cross bearing way of life that will follow Him even unto death. The preacher who grows lax in his preparation for feeding the sheep of the Saviour is being dishonest with God and with his people. Likewise your people called you to minister to them and not to some other's flock. When we spend more time courting another man's flock than we spend in feeding our own, we are being dishonest. Sheep stealing, and every other kind of stealing, was condemned by God a long time ago, but it hasn't stopped grand larceny, not even in sheepfolds.

We must play fair with our people in all our dealings with them. By the nature of our position we can say and do things and hide behind the immunity of the pulpit. Our people cannot talk back at us when we are in the pulpit. Our relation to them needs to be that of breaker of the bread of life, the bearer of good news and not that of breaking their spirit by evil tidings, personal or community. Let us be fair in what we say to our people and about our people.

Likewise we owe it to our deacons to be as honest with them as we expect them to be with us. They too are ordained ministers set apart by the church. Deacons are to be yoke fellows and partners in the kingdom enterprise. I know there are preachers who would do away with the deacons or ignore

them but when that happens there is unfair dealing somewhere.

Spurgeon used to tell his students, "The scripture says, 'resist the devil and he will flee from thee,' but resist the deacons and they will fly at you." Then the wise preacher went on to say that the wise pastor works with his deacons and they become workers together with God.

Lest I be thought to lay all ills at the feet of the pastor, let us go on to say that the pew must be aggressive in its promoting this crusade.

The people of the church need to be honest with God in matters within the church. They need to be honest with one another and with the pastor to whom God has led them.

When a group, no matter how small or how large, decide to get rid of the pastor and set out to unseat him, there is foul play afoot that is the same as saying to God, "You didn't know what you were doing when you sent this man here and it's time we took over. Good-bye, God, until we get rid of this one, but don't go far away, for we will want you to help us get another." Such gross unfairness is dishonesty in one of its worst forms — cloaked in the robes of "Church welfare" the dastardly deed is done.

The best way to have a changed pastor is to pray fervently for him day by day. Pray that the Holy Spirit shall so fill him with power that he will be a changed man.

Be honest with your pastor in matters of money. I know that the salary scale hasn't been raised in most of our churches for the past four years. In that same period we all know the cost of living has gone up many percentage points and every time the cost of living goes up for you, it does for your pastor. A good way to have a happy pastor is to have an unworried pastor, and you can certainly take some of his worries off by giving him a living wage. He probably uses his car to drive many miles every year in his visitation and work for the church. His car upkeep is costly and you can help make him a better pastor by helping with the expense of his car.

I am hopeful that we will enter this crusade with such enthusiasm that we will understand it is the task of each of us personally. Let us enter it as pastor and people with the realization that both are in need and therefore we do not look at the other fellow and think and say how much he needs it, but rather how much we stand in need.

State BSU . . .

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The convention voted also to set a goal of \$3,000 for its 1956 student summer mission fund with mission volunteers to go to the following fields.

Mexico, Pacific northwest,

Hear The Baptist Hour

Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will speak on the Baptist Hour in November on the following subjects: "The Everlasting Arms"; "Beyond the Sunset"; "The Straight and Narrow"; and "The Sin of Ingratitude."

Stations in Mississippi carrying the program are:

Canton, WDOB — 5:00 PM.
Centerville, WGLC — 4:30 PM.

Cleveland, WCLD — 4:30 PM.
Columbia, WCJU —
Columbus, WACR — 2:30 PM.
Greenville, WJPR — 8:00 AM.
Hattiesburg, WFOR — 10:15 PM.

Macon, WMBC — 2:30 PM.
McComb, WAPF — 9:00 AM.
Meridian, WCOC — 4:00 PM.
Pascagoula, WPMP — 3:00 PM.

Picayune, WRJW — 1:00 PM.
Tupelo, WELO — 8:30 AM.

Waynesboro, WABO — 4:00 PM.

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Wayne Co. Assoc. Reports Progress

Progress was reported by every church and organization at the annual meeting of the Wayne County Association which met October 20 and 21.

Some of the gains as reported are: Two new churches, bringing the total churches to 25 with a total membership of 3494. The Sunday school enrolment now stands at 2548, a gain of 13½ per cent over last year. Training union enrolment is now 1276, which is a 26 per cent increase over last year.

The number of baptisms reported during the year was 236, a gain of 52½ per cent over the number reported last year. Total gifts to mission causes were \$15,367.79, an increase of 18 per cent. Gifts to all causes were up to \$108,299.36, 12 per cent increase.

Another significant gain is the number of churches with full-time preaching service, which is 11, as compared to eight last year.

Rev. Tracy B. Barnett, Jr. is the moderator and Rev.

Ohio and among the Negroes and Indians in Mississippi.

The Missionaries would receive no salaries but would have a limited expense account available.

The convention was marked by a strong program featuring several out-of-state speakers as well as state personalities.

"God's World-My Life-Now" was the convention theme. The Convention is sponsored each year jointly by the State B. S. U. Department, Charles W. Horner, secretary and the student Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The Convention got underway Friday evening and adjourned Sunday at noon.

Center Terrace, Canton Gives \$8,000 In A Day

Sunday, October 23, at Center Terrace, Canton, climaxing a week of revival, the church had an old-fashioned "Put It On the Barrel-Head Offering" to retire all indebtedness on the church building and the pastor's home. The total offering placed on the decorated barrel was \$6,457.50 in cash and \$1,542.50 in pledges, making a grand total offering of \$8,000. The church had in its treasury \$8,000 already and needed only \$5,800 to pay off all indebtedness. That was the goal for the day, but the extra \$2,200 will be used in building the two-story

educational building to be begun soon.

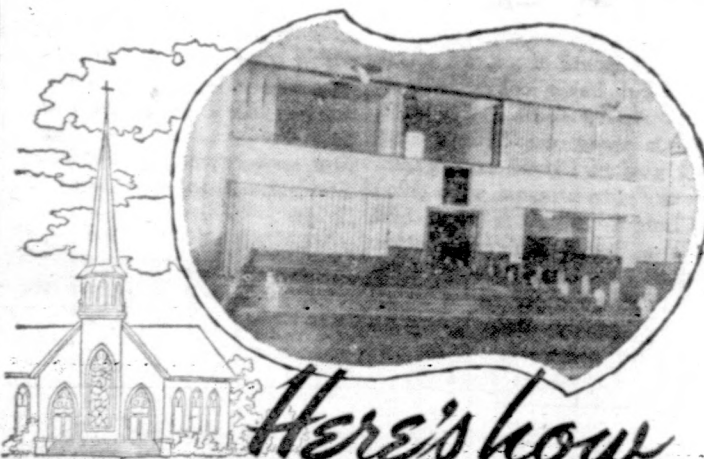
There were 13 additions to the church during the revival, with six of these professions of faith. Dr. J. Fred McLelland, Alexandria, Louisiana, was the evangelist. The Minister of Music, Charles Bacon, led the singing.

The pastor, Rev. Sollie L. Smith, says that plans for the dedicatory service are being made.

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For the fifth time Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer of Chalabate have been granted a scholarship for a special course in Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

James L. Harrell is the superintendent of missions for Wayne County Association.



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We are indebted to "Now" published by LeTourneau Technical Institute for the information about the toll bridge shunner who shunned more than the amount of the toll charge.

According to "Now", city officials and a large crowd had gathered at the toll bridge to welcome and reward the one millionth driver to cross the bridge.

The car that would be the lucky one was seen approaching the bridge. Suddenly (probably when the driver saw the sign indicating that the toll charge was \$1.00) the car stopped and turned back.

Close behind was a Mrs. Phil Marker of Corpus Christi, Texas. SHE collected the prizes that would have gone to another IF...

Jonah did the same thing. God ordered him to Nineveh. He turned aside. Of course, turning aside doesn't relieve us of God's command. He eventually went to Nineveh but instead of being recorded as one of God's willing servants; his greatest fame is connected with his experience with a fish, not people.

Peter had a wonderful opportunity to shine for his Lord on the night of the Crucifixion, but he didn't want to pay the toll and turned his back on Jesus. And today regardless of his later faithfulness, service, and martyrdom, he is known as the one who denied.

In your church and mine are many who are faced with opportunities for service who are unwilling to give up an evening out or an evening in. God goes on without them and the reward that God had for them goes to another.

Information About State Messengers

Each year several requests come to the Baptist Record for information about the number of messengers each church is entitled to send to the Baptist State Convention. We quote below Article III, Sections 1 and 2:

Article III

Section 1: The Convention shall be composed of messengers from the regular Baptist churches in Mississippi in harmony and cooperation with the purposes and actions of the Convention.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first one hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers.

This means that every church described in Section One, however large or small, is entitled to at least one messenger. Churches are entitled to one messenger if they have 100 members or less, however few that may be. Churches of more than 100 are entitled to one messenger for every 100 or fraction thereof. For example, a church with 155 members is entitled to two messengers; so is the church with 196. Churches with 267 are entitled to three messengers. A church with

597 is entitled to six.

Note that no church, however large, is entitled to more than ten messengers.

To Our Moderators

As another associational season has come to a close we feel that a hearty "Thank You" is due to our associational moderators. They have been men who understood Baptists and their work and were interested in seeing that Baptist affairs were presented to the people in attendance.

In every association that we have attended the moderators have presided with fairness and courtesy. Their motto seemed to be "Love the brethren." Not only was there a spirit of friendliness on the part of the moderators and the assistant moderators, but the hospitality of the associations was unsurpassed.

In the past few years, the work of the moderator has become more important and it now covers a much larger sphere of leadership than in previous days. Today many moderators assume rightfully a place of leadership through which they guide the association into a thorough-going program of associational work. They not only serve during the meeting of the association, but throughout the year.

The office of associational moderator carries with it not only an honor, but a distinct place or responsibility.

Give Speakers A Break

Too often have we watched as our State Convention took up an item of business. Perhaps 10 minutes was allotted but it took 45 or more minutes to dispose of the question. While the 30 extra minutes were being used, some outstanding speaker, who had travelled hundreds of miles to be present, sat nervously watching the Convention use HIS time. At last his time came. BUT it was already past adjournment time; many had left. Most of those still present were hungry or sleepy and all of them in a bad mood.

And this sometimes happens at associations.

May we suggest that when a speaker's time arrives the unfinished business be laid aside until after the speaker has had his say. Then the people can stay as long or as late as they desire.

We should not limit debate. Let everyone have his say. But we should not disrupt our Convention program.

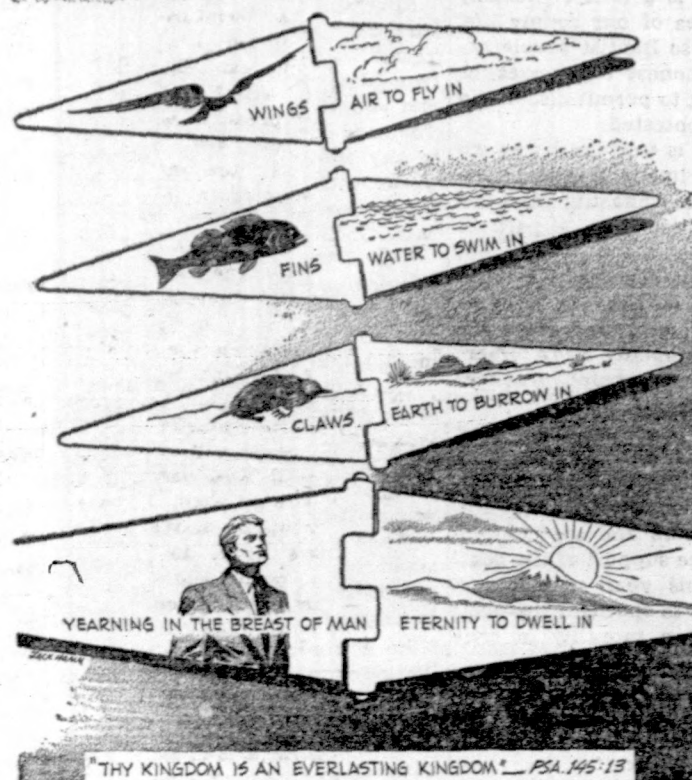
A Final Reminder

If not already provided for it is not too late for churches to arrange to send the pastor to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, Nov. 15-17. They need to go and our churches need to send them.

The pastor will return refreshed, informed and inspired for a greater year of work.

If no provision was made in the budget, let some individual see a few of the brethren and sisters, and collect a sufficient amount.

GOD CREATES NO HALF-HINGES



Our Readers Write

NEW CHURCH GROWING

The Kenosha Missionary Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was organized February 24, 1954, with 26 charter members. The present membership is 77, with 4 awaiting baptism. The majority of the members were originally from Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, and Tennessee; in fact, over three-fourths are natives of Mississippi.

The Kenosha Church has averaged 93 in Sunday School for the past two months, and has a full program of Church activities. There are only 3 Southern Baptist Churches in the state of Wisconsin. They are located at Madison, Kenosha, and Mid-City. A Mission is being sponsored at Beloit by the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Rockford, Illinois. These Churches are affiliated with the Great Lakes Association of Illinois. This pioneer area presents a great challenge to Southern Baptists.

If the Churches in Mississippi could send the names and addresses of any of their members who they know have moved to Kenosha, it would be greatly appreciated. It is estimated that there are over 1,000 Southern Baptists who now make their homes in Kenosha. This information should be mailed to the pastor, Gail R. Zimmerman, 1922 63rd St., Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Gail R. Zimmerman, pastor

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Pioneer mission reports from Illinois tell of amazing spiritual progress. Noel Taylor, executive secretary for Illinois, points out that through the Pioneer Mission Program, the new churches baptized as many people last year as all Illinois Southern Baptist churches baptized only a few years ago; an average of 40 people per week were baptized into the fellowship of the aggregate of Illinois Southern Baptist churches last year; church membership has multiplied five-fold.

Baptists in Ohio report phenomenal progress recently in that pioneer Baptist work. Three years ago, there were 19 churches and six missions. These had a membership of 4,000. Today, there are 79 churches and 28 missions, with a membership of 13,000. Three years ago, the Cooperative Program received \$8,000; today, Ohio Cooperative Program gifts are above \$70,000. The 1955 record is impressive by itself. Compared to a 4,000 total membership three years ago, there have been 4,100 additions thus far this year, with 1,690 of these by baptism. Within the next five years, Ohio Baptists hope to have 200 churches and 100 missions. Ray Roberts is executive secretary for Ohio.

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Shown above is a scene at the groundbreaking exercises for the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, which were held on October 14.

Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of the Seminary, was in charge of the program. The present enrollment is 269 and growing rapidly. Thirty-one states are represented as well as the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and four foreign countries.

The new campus will be at Strawberry Point, a promontory into San Francisco Bay four miles north of Golden Gate Bridge. Ultimate provision is for 1200 to 1500 students.

Fire Destroys Osyka Church; Loss \$65,000

Fire, on October 25, destroyed the Osyka Church, which was remodelled recently at a cost of \$35,000 paid by a bond issue sold among its membership.

The flames were discovered in the rear of the one-story brick and frame structure at 3 a. m. The fire department fought the flames to the extent that they were able to save the five-year-old Sunday School annex and many homes located near the church.

All furnishings and equipment of the church, which has a history dating back more than a century, were lost in the fire. A member of the congregation estimated today that a least \$65,000 would be required for replacement purposes.

The same spokesman said the church would be rebuilt as quickly as possible but that a great deal of help from members and friends would be necessary.

The church had \$35,000 in insurance, only about enough to cover the bonded indebtedness.

The church had been without a pastor in recent months but recently had called Rev. Bill Lawrence of Jonesville, La. The congregation used the remodelled building for the first time last August.

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**THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.**

Byram To Celebrate Pastor's Anniversary And Dedicate Organ

Sunday Nov. 6 will be Homecoming at the Byram Baptist Church. This day will mark the Pastor's 11th anniversary with the church. Services will include the dedication of a new organ and three new pianos. Two new deacons, R. B. Callander and Aubrey Kelly will be ordained in the afternoon service. An old fashion dinner will be served at the church at the noon hour.

The latest step of growth for the Church is the erection of a Nursery Building which will be modern with four standard departments for children below the age of three.

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Choctaw-Zion Plan New Mission Program

Choctaw and Zion Association are beginning a joint mission program with Rev. A. R. Smith as associational missionary.

The Choctaw County Association met October 11 and 12 at Hopewell and Bethany Churches. They elected the following officers: Moderator, Samuel M. Brown; Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. E. Palmer; and Clerk-Treasurer, John F. Keen.

The association adopted a new constitution.

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Church	Enr	Mission Off.
New Prospect (Lincoln)	113	58.01
Damascus (Copolah) ..	52	5.00
High Hill (Smith) ..	21	7.13
Paris (Lafayette) ..	50	3.00
First, Charleston (Tallahatchie) ..	152	10.73
Spring Hill (Tallahatchie)	45	5.95
Gaston Springs (Calhoun)	14	
Liberty Hill (Panola)	88	10.54
Blue Lake Mission (Riverside)	59	7.00
Sunflower Mission (Riverside)	59	6.50
Oak Grove (Winston) ..	85	5.00
Southside (Lowndes) ..	151	13.50
Bethsaida (Montgomery)	71	9.38
New Hope (Tate) ..	79	11.30
Providence (Itawamba)	20	3.00
Salem (Itawamba) ..	46	3.60
Evergreen (Itawamba)	58	11.77
Mt. Moriah (Tishomingo)	31	3.95
Highland (Tishomingo)	49	9.05
Tishomingo (Tishomingo)	63	7.00
Oldham (Tishomingo) ..	49	7.06
Overton Chapel (Tishomingo)	30	
New Liberty (Tishomingo)	44	4.00
Old Union (Tishomingo)	57	5.33
New Prospect (Tishomingo)	60	10.00
Morton (Scott)	302	39.61
Trinity (Gulf Coast) ..	168	39.13
New Salem (Tishomingo)	31	5.24
South Cross Roads (Tishomingo)	39	5.03
Paden (Tishomingo) ..	70	7.00
Mount Vernon (Tishomingo)	50	6.07
Eastpart (Tishomingo)	42	11.12
Central (Tishomingo)	57	8.93
Coffeeville (Yalobusha)	137	17.14
Cowart (Tallahatchie)	105	11.00
Canaan (Benton) ..	29	6.04
Pleasant Hill (Benton)	30	
Belen (Riverside)	58	8.70
West Marlow (Riverside)	85	12.08
Bethlehem (Alcorn)	65	6.76
Fellowship (Greene) ..	39	7.32
White Sand (Pearl River)	44	6.05
Northside (Washington)	120	12.73
Lookout Mission (Alcorn)	37	2.32
Lanoke (Benton) ..	32	
Iuka, First (Tishomingo)	58	2.55
Eastpart (Tishomingo)	42	11.12
Central (Tishomingo) ..	57	8.93
Antioch (Winston) ..	84	12.65
Union Hall (Lincoln) ..	75	8.62

N. M. BAPTISTS OPPOSE PAROCHIAL BUS LAW

HOBBS, N. M. (RNS) — Delegates to the annual meeting of the New Mexico Baptist Convention here adopted a resolution "unalterably opposing" the new state law permitting counties to appropriate tax funds for the transportation of parochial school pupils.

New Mexico Baptists have been protesting the law ever since the state legislature passed it last March. To date, six counties have voted funds to transport parochial students.

Dr. Lewis Myers, editor of the Baptist New Mexican and a Mississippian, said the Convention's resolution puts 66,000 Baptists squarely behind any drive for a court test of the law. He added that although the Convention sanctions such a test it will not sponsor it.

The Convention also condemned the practice of serving liquor on airliners and memorialized Congress to safeguard the morals of boys being drafted into military service.

TO ALL CLERKS OF ASSOCIATIONS:

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Calvary, Jackson, Plans Half Million Expansion

Calvary Church, Jackson is planning construction of a new educational unit and tower at an estimated cost of half a million dollars.

The new addition will connect the rear of the present main structure by indoor corridors and an outside cloister. The cloister passage and main entrance and stairway will make use of a tower to be constructed to a height of 180 feet.

Long range building plans include construction of a chapel and enlargement of the sanctuary.

With completion of the new



Dr. Luther Thompson

unit and remodeling of present space, Calvary will be able to accommodate a Sunday School attendance of over 2500 in 50 departments.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of approximately 2900 and average 1445 in attendance for the past year. The church membership now numbers 4,020, of whom 3,400 are

resident.

First floor of the new building will have a suit of 13 nursery departments to take care of 200 infants, up to age 3. Five nurseries for the youngest babies will be grouped about a common reception room with a kitchenette. The floor will also contain offices for 12 staff members grouped in a pastoral unit, an educational unit and business unit. In addition there will be a church parlor with kitchenette and a committee room and several classrooms.

Second floor will provide four adult departments with assembly and classrooms for 450 adults, a department for young married people, a choir suite including a large rehearsal room, men's and women's robing rooms, office of the Minister of Music, a studio and music cabinets.

Third floor will provide three young people's departments with assembly and classrooms for 225, large recreation area, a stage with reversible seats and made to open out onto the recreation area or to an adjoining assembly room.

Calvary staff includes ten full-time and four part-time workers.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson is the pastor, Rev. Robert Girling the pastor's assistant.

Betty Jane Frew is director of youth activities, Evelyn Waggener pastor's secretary, Mrs. Charles Goodson, church secretary, and Mrs. J. Virgil Posey, organist and Karl Kosanke, educational director.

—BR—

Many a church needs the fire of a revival to thaw out its frozen assets.

Historical Society To Meet Nov. 15

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society will be held in the Lena Stephenson S. S. Class Room, First Church, Jackson on Tuesday, November 15, 1955, 8:30 A. M., immediately preceding the opening of the State Convention.

All clerks of the seventy-five Baptist Associations in the state are bona fide members of the Society; and the new clerks who have been chosen recently by their associations are urged to attend the session to be formally inducted into the fellowship of the older members.

Church clerks are invited to attend the meeting as guests, especially the clerks of the older churches of the state, who have been requested to bring their old church records (Minute books), to be entrusted to the care of the Custodian of the Society for safe-keeping in the basement of the library of Mississippi College at Clinton.

A guest speaker from the Mississippi Archives and History Department of Jackson is expected to be present to address the Society's members on a subject relating to the preservation of historical records.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—If a man talked about the Bible to someone every day it would take him until the year 8243 to make as many contacts as one periodical, **Sunday School Adults**, does with one issue, according to Noble Van Ness, manager of the Operations Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The distribution of this quarterly for July, August, and September was 2,189,109 copies, an increase of 126,109 over the same period last year. Dr. Howard P. Colson is editor of **Sunday School Adults**.

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Nursery, Beginner, Primary Leadership Clinic

NOVEMBER 7, 1955

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Closing 4:30 P. M.



Miss Pauline Hargis

The second statewide Nursery, Beginner and Primary Leadership Clinic will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on November 7.

That really should be sufficient after the wonderful program we witnessed last year . . . but the truth of the matter is that we will have to work as hard as ever to get our people mindful of it and to get them in the mood to attend.

At every associational meeting please urge upon pastors and Training Union Directors the splendid opportunity this day affords.

On every occasion enlist Training Union Directors to come and bring with them all of their elementary workers.

Ask your associational officers to contact all Nursery, Beginner and Primary workers in all of the churches of the association with a plea to make plans to attend.

This one day offers about the equivalent of a week of study course activity—so it is worth taking off from work or getting a substitute at school or hiring a baby sitter for (but we will have the Nursery open for children under school age).

Heading the faculty are Miss Polly Hargis of Louisville, Kentucky, Miss Florrie Ann Lawton and Miss Nora Padgett of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville and Mrs. Jesse Meek of the Training Union Department of Tennessee.

It is not too soon to plan to come and bring your associational Nursery Leader, your Beginner Leader and your Primary Leader.

Associational Officers' Planning Meeting, 1955

The dates and places are listed below. Plan to attend on the date and at the place most convenient to you:

Nov. 8—1st Baptist, Batesville

Nov. 10—1st Baptist, Carthage

Nov. 11—1st Baptist, Hattiesburg

Robert S. Cook of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board is one of the featured speakers. All of the members of the Training Union Department of Mississippi will be there to join him and all associational officers in launching plans for the next year's work.

If you are elected to an associational office this year, you owe it to yourself and to your association to be present for this planning meeting. It will be of great value in planning your associational "M" Night program and projecting a program for 1956.

Pastor Praises

Enlargement Campaign Efforts

"The Enlargement Campaign was as good as a regular revival meeting," writes pastor Ray Walters of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of Mississippi Association. This church was one of fourteen churches participating in a simultaneous Enlargement Campaign during the first week of September.

Brother Walters gives special praise to Mr. and Mrs. Auber J. Wilds, who directed the campaign, as he writes that the Adults especially have made outstanding progress even to the point on a recent Sunday of achieving a grade of 91 per cent. He says that all of the other unions are doing almost as well.

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HOUSTON, Tex. (RNS) —

The Brotherhood of the Baptist Convention of Texas ended its meeting here by passing a resolution protesting the sale of intoxicants on commercial airliners. "This is an evil and offensive practice which endangers the lives of those who travel by air and those who operate the planes and it also makes barmaids out of the airline stewardesses," the resolution said. It asked that members write letters to Congressmen supporting the Brotherhood's stand.

(Editor's Note: Mississippi Baptists should do likewise.)

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Hinds Co. Appoints New BSU Director



Harold N. Gully

The Executive Committee of Hinds Association has announced the appointment of Harold N. Gully, to the position of BSU Director for the Association. This action comes as a result of the recent authorization from the Associational Meeting at

the Emmanuel Church in Jackson.

Mr. Gully was born in Neshoba County and graduated from Mississippi State College.

Mr. Gully holds a Master of Religious Education degree from the New Orleans Seminary and is at present Director of the Baptist Student Union at Pearl River College at Poplarville, a position he has held for three years.

Hinds County has approximately 3,000 white students enrolled in ten schools or colleges that are not Baptists schools; of these approximately one-half are Baptist boys and girls. The admission of Mr. Gully to the staff of the Baptist Association opens up a new field of service. He will strive to connect each of these Baptist students with some local church and to help them build a BSU Program on their campus.

Mr. Gully will begin this new work on January 1, 1956.

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Some people treat God like a lawyer. They go to Him only when they are in trouble.

Joins R & A Board



ASSOCIATE — Floyd B. Chaffin, executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention, will join the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., by Jan. 1 as associate secretary and director of public relations. Chaffin has been state secretary for Louisiana for three years. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. —Baptist Press.

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Man Of Distinction

Here is another "man of distinction" happening that you'll never see in the liquor industry's advertisements showing how whiskey makes "Men of Distinction."

In this case it made a man of "extinction," it caused a father to shoot his own son; and has certainly been a matter of embarrassment to the dead man's relatives and the father. Whiskey certainly does make "men of distinction."

"JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — George Hale, 73, was charged today with the fatal shooting of his 48-year-old son, Abbie Lee, at their Gray community home last night, officers reported.

Deputy Sheriff Charlie Johnson said the elder Hale claimed he shot his farmer son with a 32 caliber pistol after being threatened. The wife and mother was a witness to the shooting.

Hale said his son had been drinking and had threatened him twice before this week. Last night, armed with a shotgun, he walked into the house and where the three of them lived and said "I am going to kill you," Hale related.

"I couldn't run or get away. I just had to do it."

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Rev. Guy Futral, the new pastor at Highland Church, Jackson, will move on the field on November 1 and begin the first Sunday of his ministry there on November 6. Mr. Futral was formerly pastor at North Oxford. Highland Church has been without a pastor for almost a year, in which time Rev. W. R. Cooper has served as interim pastor.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

RULE SHEET

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL
First Baptist Church,
Jackson, Mississippi
November 25, 1955

STATE INSTRUMENTAL
ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

ELIGIBILITY: All ensembles, Wood-wind, Brass, and Strings, that entered the District Music Festival last spring are eligible to enter the State Music Festival, November 25. The personnel of the ensemble may be changed, but each group should follow the suggestions listed below as to the number in the ensemble. If a church enters only one Instrumental group, the ensemble may be mixed, Wood-wind and Brass. Strive to secure good balance.

BRASS ENSEMBLES: Not less than three and not more than eight instruments unaccompanied.

WOOD-WIND ENSEMBLES: Not less than three and not more than eight instruments unaccompanied.

STRING ENSEMBLES: Any number of instruments from solo up may be used. Only members of the violin family may be used.

SELECTION: Any number that is religious in nature may be used. Hymns properly arranged for full harmony will be most suitable. Help from local instrumental music teachers may be secured in arranging the hymns for use in this Festival.

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Dr. Paul McCommon, State Secretary of Music in Georgia,

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L. A. Huneycutt, Timrod Church, Bethune, S. C., from Chesnee, S. C.

Lewis Gibson, LaFrance, S. C., from Second, Clifton, S. C.

William Mitchell, Mt. Olive, Liberty Association, from Morrow, La.

Harold C. Bennett, Beech Street, Texarkana, Ark., from assistant, First, Shreveport, La.
Lloyd Jenkins, Morrow, La., from Sardis, Pineville, La.

Robert Pinder, First, Umatilla, Fla., from St. Joseph, La.
Leon Riddle, Columbia, Mo., from Southern Seminary.

R. A. Collier, First, Prairie Grove, Ark., from Doe Run, Franklin Association.

C. H. McClure, First, Bonne Terre, Mo., from Bible teacher, Union University.

W. L. Scurlock, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., from College Ave., Annapolis, Md.

H. C. Spires, Trinity Church, Durant, Okla., from Gainesville, Texas.

Clifford Russell, Boulevard, Coolidge, Ariz., from Townmouth, West Frankfort, Ill.

will be on the staff as guest conductor for our State Music Festival to be held in Jackson, November 25. Many people in Mississippi will remember Dr. McCommon when he served on our faculty at Mississippi College for our State School of Church Music two years ago. Dr. McCommon's class in Voice was a very popular class. He won many friends while in Mississippi and all of our people will be looking forward to having him with us during our State Music Festival. Don't miss the opportunity to sing in the Mass Choir under the leadership of Dr. McCommon.

MUSIC REVIVAL HELD IN DESOTO

A very interesting Music Revival was held in the Hernando Baptist Church for the Desoto Association recently. Mr. Charles Cook, Associational Music Director, and Rev. Charles Skutt lead in the promotion of this Music Revival. Through the interest and planning of these two leaders, Dr. Loren Williams from the Sunday School Board was secured to lead in this Revival. The Mississippi Department of Music cooperated with this effort.

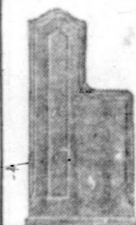
During the week the enrollment reached 100. Plans were laid for the development of a childrens program in Hernando. Classes were taught in Conducting, Hymn Playing, Theory, and Hymn Appreciation. The Associational Organization was completed.

All-in-all, it is felt that this was a most wonderful week for the Desoto Association.

Rev. Clarence Palmer reports that the following officers were elected at the recent meeting of the Tippah County Association: Rev. Clarence Palmer, Moderator; Bill Colver, Vice-Moderator; Lowry Duncan, Clerk; and Mrs. Palmer Harrison, W. M. U. Superintendent.

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When Sunday comes, instead of being "all out" for Christ, many of us are "all in."



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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For November 6.

JESUS MEETS HUMAN NEEDS

Bible Texts: Luke 5:12-15, 27-32.

I. A MIRACLE OF HEALING

1. Leprosy for years was the most dread disease of all the Near East. Terrible plagues might sweep the land and leave multiplied thousands of dead in their wake, but like the tempest, they passed, and healthful breezes blew roses back into childish cheeks and vigor back into weakened bodies of strong men. Leprosy did not come in all-submerging tides, but also it never relaxed its grip or slackened its pace.

One after another it laid its stealthy grasp upon men and women of every class and condition of society; and the person who once felt the itching touch of its binding fingers knew that his only escape was in death. Leprosy at the first onslaught might affect only part of the body, but from this first point of attack it spread over the whole body, dry-rotting member after member, and turning the body into a horrible spectacle.

For many thousands of years leprosy had been regarded as a symbol of sin and the Israelitish victim had been looked upon as the accursed object of the wrath of the Almighty.

2. The Victim. He was properly, perhaps, of all men most to be pitied, but he received scant pity or sympathy from any source. He was driven from the temple by the priest after being told that God had smitten him with His chastening rod. He was forced to leave home and family and flee into the wilderness. If he saw or heard anyone approaching him, he must cry, "Unclean! Unclean!"

But we have here in this passage of scripture a leper who defied all rules that applied to his case and all commands framed to regulate his life.

He had heard the report of the wonderful teacher who was instructing people in the righteous way of the Lord and performing wonders in the healing of the sick.

From the bottom of the pit of misery in which he lay helpless a spark of faith in his soul twinkled brightly, a faith that

Christ could heal him. And so, disobeying all commands, he came with painful step and slow to the outskirts of the crowd which had gathered about the teacher, and falling on his face before Him he cried out, "If you were willing to do it, you could make me clean".

There was no doubt in his heart that Jesus could do it; his only fear was that he was so low down in the social scale, so worthless in the sight of God and man that the teacher would regard him as not being worth saving.

3. The Healer. His heart is filled with pity for high and low, rich and poor, down and outs, ups and outs. He has abundant power to help and all that holds that power in check is a lack of willingness on the part of people who are in need to ask for and receive that help. See what he did in response to this poor man's prayer for healing. He touched the leper with His hand. This was forbidden by the law, but he appealed from the ceremonial law to the higher law of love.

Then he assured this leper of his willingness to cleanse. The leper believed his words of assurance and received cleansing on the instant.

Then the Lord bade the healed leper to obey the ceremonial law. "Go and show yourself to the priest and make the offering commanded by Moses". Really the Lord gave him two commands: First, He commanded the man not to tell anybody that he had been healed. This command evidently the leper disobeyed, but instead, he spread the report of his healing all over the country. To the command that he show himself to the priest, the healed leper so far as we are informed paid just as little attention.

As has been said before, leprosy was a symbol of sin. Of course this man needed cleansing from sin, no less than he needed cleansing from his malady. I think that as often as the Lord restored the sick body of any sufferer, he also bestowed cleansing of the heart from sin, so that this leper received cleansing of both body and spirit.

II. A MIRACLE OF SALVATION

1. The Publican, the Renegade, The Scalawag. The latter name is that by which the southern people would have called him had he lived in any southern state during the decade follow-

ing the civil war. A scalawag was a southern man who, for the hope of political office, deserted his people and joined himself to that horde of carpet-baggers from the North who came to prey upon the prostrate South.

Now the publican or local tax gatherer in the time of our Lord was a renegade Jew who, for the prospect of pecuniary gain, deserted his conquered people and joined himself to the Romans that he might be appointed to the post of tax collector. No publican, that is to say no tax collector, was socially accepted among his people, he was always a man who was willing to adopt devious methods of squeezing money under the pretense of taxes out of the people in his district. He was under contract to pay the Roman government a stated amount from his district and was permitted by the government to charge his people as much in addition as he could collect. The people in his district always hated the publican, and the publican practically always got rich.

2. The Saviour of the publican, Jesus. Why would you say Jesus wanted to save this man? Consider these reasons:

1. Jesus needs the publican in the building of His kingdom; our Lord needs the services of every man and woman of every kind and class and condition.

2. Jesus loves every individual person in all the world and the meaning of this love is that he desires to see the best in every person come into play and power, that nothing of the best possibilities in them be lost.

3. Matthew was a man of unusual ability. He was a practiced bookkeeper no doubt, as well as a trained writer. The Lord needed him to write a gospel.

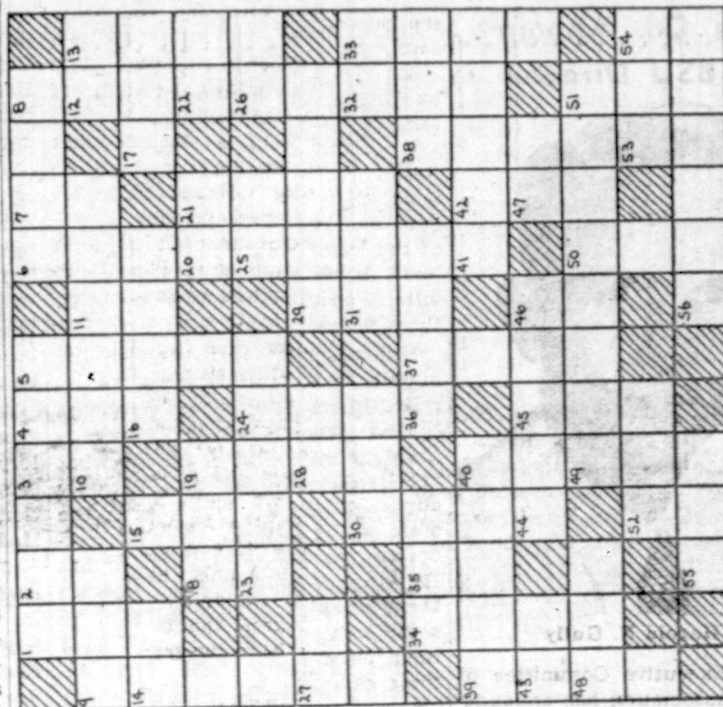
4. The Lord wanted a chance to make contact with the other publicans and he knew that Matthew would give him that chance. Matthew was rich and therefore able to make a great supper.

To this supper, at which Jesus was the chief guest, or as the society laid it of the present day, Jesus was the honoree. To this supper, Matthew invited all his publican friends. Fact is, the publicans were the only friends that Matthew had, and he wanted to share his newfound joy in the Lord with the people of his own class.

That is the most natural desire of the saved soul. A saved man or woman wants to share his joy in the Lord with his own kind and this desire on the part of new converts should abide with them as long as they live and make them evangelists for Jesus wherever they go.

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The person who takes time for prayer usually finds ample time for all the other things needing his attention.



I Kings 17

Our text is 1, 6, 30, 31, 55 and 56 combined.

ACROSS

- 1 "And . . . took the child" 23
- 6 "he cried unto the Lord, and . . ." :20
- 9 "laid him upon his own . . ." :19
- 10 Strips of iron or wood fastened across something to give strength
- 12 Hebrew designation for Deity
- 14 Registered nurse (abbr.)
- 16 Den
- 17 Florence (abbr.)
- 18 Droop
- 20 Plural ending of some nouns
- 22 Whither
- 23 "and the soul of the . . . came into him again" :22
- 25 Thallium (abbr.)
- 26 New England State (abbr.)
- 27 "What have I . . . do with thee" :18
- 28 Number of Psalm beginning, "O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger"
- 29 Frighten
- 30 Look
- 31 See 39 down
- 32 Rear Admiral (abbr.)
- 34 ". . . this child's soul come into him again" :21
- 36 "and his sickness was so . . ." :17
- 38 Belgium (abbr.)
- 39 "also brought evil upon the . . ." :20
- 41 Acts
- 43 "brought him down out . . . the chamber into the house" :23
- 44 "he took him out of her . . ." :19
- 47 Veterinary Surgeon (abbr.)
- 48 Thing (Law)
- 49 "the . . . of the house" :17
- 52 "I know that thou art a . . . of God" :24
- 53 Institution of Electrical Engineers (abbr.)
- 55 "by slaying her . . ." :20
- 56 Is alive

DOWN

- 1 Even (contr.)
- 2 Low Dutch (abbr.)
- 3 Justice Clerk (abbr.)
- 4 Everyone
- 5 "the Lord . . . the voice of Elijah" :22

- 6 "he . . . himself upon the child three times" :21
- 7 In equal degree
- 8 "and . . . him unto his mother" :23
- 9 "that there was no . . . left in him" :17
- 11 City of the Canaanites Josh. 8:1
- 13 "and carried him up into a . . ." :19
- 15 Hurrah
- 18 South Atlantic State (abbr.)
- 19 "said unto her, . . . me thy son" :19
- 21 "and to . . . my son" 18
- 24 Falsehoods
- 29 Steamer (abbr.)
- 30 Short stake
- 33 "hast thou . . . brought evil" :20
- 34 The widow's son was raised to . . .
- 35 Boy's name
- 37 Tribe of Siouan Indians
- 38 Girl's name
- 39 and 31 across "the . . . of the Lord in . . . mouth is truth" :24

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North Greenwood Ordains 4 Deacons

Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, President of Clarke College, preached the ordination sermon at the North Greenwood Church October 16 when the church set apart four men as deacons. Nine men were elected, five of whom had been previously ordained.

The four men ordained were: Fred Burke, Luther Wade, W. M. Whittington, Jr., and Wayne Williams, Sr. The five other deacons are: M. M. Billings, William E. Arnold, Myrl McCormick, Wayne Shurtleff, and Clark Simpson.

After the sermon, the pastor, Rev. Bill Watson, led the ordination prayer, the "Laying On of Hands" was administered, and each deacon was presented a copy of the new book, "The Baptist Deacon", by Dr. Rob-

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Our Baptist Faith . . .

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the day when at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and things on earth, and things under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

But after that has been said, this also must be stated: in Christian history we see again and again how a great truth, which God had entrusted to his people, became nearly forgotten. But then, under the prompting and guiding of God's spirit, it was rediscovered and brought to life again in the minds and hearts of some of his children. Sometimes this came about in a steady quiet growth, sometimes in a sudden cataclysmic eruption.

So I believe God has entrusted to us Baptists certain great and vital truths, and we would not be faithful to this trust if we were not willing to witness of them in word and deed, as individuals and as a fellowship.

One of these historic Baptist convictions is our insistence upon the authority of the Bible as a trustworthy and all-sufficient rule of faith and conduct. In its long history of almost 2000

years, the Christian fellowship has faced various emphases which tended to push the Bible from its central position of authority to the outer rim. One of these has been the emphasis on tradition. As it was in the time of Jesus when the traditions developed by the Pharisees stood as a wall between God and man, separating them from each other, so it has been again and again with ecclesiastical traditions developed in the course of Christian history.

Others, have set up reason as the ultimate arbiter of what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what false, not only in secular life but also in the realm of religion. Thus the worship of man's intelligence has replaced for many the worship of the Eternal God. But now, in our own time, we have had dramatic and frightening examples of how easily man's intelligence and reason can become subject to evil and diabolical powers. And so the tragic events of the last generation have had at least one valuable result: they have shaken and weakened modern man's faith in his reason.

And so there is in our time a great hunger for authority, an authority not based on tradition nor on reason, but based on

an eternal and unchangeable truth. This truth we find in Christ, and the message of this Christ we find in the Bible, both the Old and New Testament.

Again and again a renewal of the Church began with the quest, "What say the Scriptures?" This was true in the Reformation. When Martin Luther was asked to recant his teachings, he laid his hand on the Bible and said, "I am bound to the word of God."

And we find many examples, especially in our Baptist history. Here was Adoniram Judson, going out as a Congregational missionary to India, studying his Bible on the long journey half across the world. And as soon as he had arrived in India he requested to be baptized and then became the first missionary of the newly founded American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, laying the foundation of the great missionary work in Burma.

Or think of the beginning of our Baptist work in Germany. Here was Oncken, not a theologian, but a businessman. He and his wife and a small circle of friends studied their Bible night after night, and they arrived at certain convictions which they found irrefutably

stated in their New Testament. Out of that small Bible study group grew the first Baptist churches on the European continent in modern times.

From this emphasis upon the authority of the scriptures has come our traditional reluctance to establish any creeds and impose them as coercive upon our people. Now creeds and confessions have their distinct value in the life of the church. They are banners of the faith, to proclaim to all the world the beliefs of the Christian fellowship. But when they are laid on men's consciences by ecclesiastical command, or by any other form of human authority, then they become instruments of coercion, clubs held over men's consciences, shadows standing between the soul and its God.

But as we re-affirm our great Baptist conviction of the Scriptures as our authority for faith and life, let us beware of one peril: namely that we become stagnant and sterile in our appreciation and interpretation of the Scriptures. For that reason I believe that Baptists need a re-vitalising of their theological interest and work. The two greatest living theologians, Karl Barth and Emil Brunner, have both wrestled with the problem of baptism and have called infant baptism scandalous, confused, un-biblical. But it should be a reason for distress for us Baptists that so many of the best books on baptism in recent years have been written by non-Baptist scholars. Are we as Baptists, while rendering lip-service to the Scriptures, perhaps too much like the servant in Jesus' parable who buried his talent in the ground?

And here is a second great Baptist conviction: the Church, a fellowship of believers gathered from the world and committed to live under the guidance of the word and spirit of God.

The Christian life begins always where an individual soul experiences Christ as Saviour and surrenders to him as Lord. In this encounter with Christ, man finds the meaning of his existence. But he also finds his place in that new fellowship which is already here and now a foretaste and a forerunner

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Crystal Springs Ordains Hinson



Rev. Arlis Hinson

Arlis Hinson was ordained at the First Church, Crystal Springs, on Sunday, October 23.

Mr. Hinson is a graduate of Mississippi College and is now enrolled at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to his entering the seminary he served as Youth Director of First Church, Monticello.

Rev. A. Estus Mason is pastor at Crystal Springs, First.

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New Hebron Baptist Church Gives To Mississippi College Endowment



The above picture shows Mr. Roy Berry fourth from the left presenting to Dr. Harry Lee Spencer second from the left a check for \$300.00 which was contributed by the New Hebron Baptist church to the endowment fund of Mississippi College. The gift was made to the Baptist Foundation designated to the endowment fund of Mississippi College in lieu of an honorarium to Dr. Spencer who conducted the Revival. Others in the picture are Mr. Clyde Dampier, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Church, Dr. Spencer, Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Pastor of the Church, Mr. Roy Berry, Church Treasurer, and Mr. L. G. Hord, Chairman of the Deacons and also the Superintendents of the New Hebron Schools.

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Our Baptist Faith . . .

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of the new community which is the goal of all history: the Kingdom of God.

It is in this basic conception of the Church as a gathered fellowship of committed believers, set apart from the world, that we Baptists may well be called the most consistent and radical Protestants. Luther and Calvin knew only too well that the church of the Apostles was one of regenerate membership.

But they felt it necessary to compromise and to fall back upon the old scheme where new-born babes without any chance of ever making a decision of their own were added to the Church, thus making it a great all-embracing institution, where the Baptism certificate issued by the Church could practically take the place of the birth certificate issued by the state.

Thus there to be a Christian was not a matter of personal decision and commitment, but one of tradition and custom. For 1500 years this concept of the church has been dominant in the Christian world.

But now in our time, this system is coming to an end; in many countries of the West, the church is no longer a mighty respected institution, backed and supported by the power and the resources of the state, but it is becoming again what it was in New Testament times: the little flock, a minority, set against the world, often despised, even oppressed and persecuted; again, as in the days of the early church, it means something to be a Christian, it costs something to be a Christian.

With other Christians we Baptists may deplore the forces, such as agnosticism and militant atheism, which have brought this about. But at the same time, this is the historic moment when we as Baptists must step forward and renew our witness. This is the time when we must prove that a regenerate church membership is not a Utopian idea but that it is not only Biblical, but also eminently practical and realizable in the life of the Church.

But at the same time we must in all earnestness ask ourselves: are we, in our own churches, faithful to this ideal? It is a sacred thing to be a member of the Body of Christ. Our forefathers took this with a deadly seriousness and for them literally it was often a matter of life and death.

But how is it with us? How eager we are to get new names into our membership books! How quickly we hurry the candidate to the baptismal waters. And how little we expect of him afterwards to show in his life the marks of true discipleship. In some parts of

the world we have grown marvelously in numbers, and we are grateful for that. We have become majority churches, and the world respects us, but is the price which we have had to pay for this not perhaps too high?

Have our churches instead of invading the world in the name and for the cause of Christ permitted the world to invade them? Would our witness for God not be more effective if we were less interested in numbers and bigness and more in depth of commitment and Christlikeness of life?

But I must hurry to speak for a few moments on another great Baptist conviction, in fact the one which by many is regarded as our outstanding Baptist distinctive, namely freedom of conscience, or as Baptists have liked to call it, soul-liberty.

Baptists have from the beginning of their history been champions of religious freedom. Others have joined them later in the struggle for this freedom which is the basis of all liberties; but at first they have stood quite alone. And while others have been quite insistent in demanding freedom for themselves and their own convictions and their own group, but as soon as they had enough power were quite ready to deny that freedom to others, Baptists have a clean record in this respect. And that is something to be deeply grateful for.

So John Bunyan, imprisoned in Bedford jail, when he was offered his freedom if he would put his conscience in shackles, replied: "I will stay in prison 'till the moss grows on my eyebrows rather than make a slaughterhouse of my conscience or a butchery of my principles."

So Roger Williams stumbled across the snowy wastes of Massachusetts to establish a haven for religious freedom in Providence and establish those principles which later found their way into the Constitution of the United States.

So Obadiah Holmes was publicly whipped on Boston Common, but said afterwards to his tormentors: "You have beaten me as with roses."

The Baptist position on the matter of religious liberty is crystal clear. We have no sympathy for the agnostic or the atheist, but we shall stand for his freedom to hold his religious or anti-religious beliefs, as we stand for our own freedom.

Many of the characteristic convictions which are usually associated with Baptists have their roots in our insistence on religious liberty. Such is our rejection of infant baptism. We reject it on the one hand because of our conception of the church as a fellowship of believers in Christ. But we reject it also because we refuse to join a child to the church be-



Shown above is the pastor's home recently purchased by the North Greenwood Church at 204 W. Monroe in Greenwood, at a cost of \$15,000.00. The pastor and his family moved in a few days ago.

fore he can utter his protest or give his consent. Thus we regard infant baptism as an intolerable invasion of the sphere of man's own most sacred religious rights.

We further reject, on account of our passion for religious liberty, the ideal and practice of religious toleration. To put the power and prestige of the state behind one form of religion, and merely tolerate others, is not religious liberty; it is a subtle form of coercion. Toleration is a concession, liberty is a right; and this right is given to man by God Himself.

From this principle of freedom of conscience, we Baptists also derive our traditional insistence upon a free church, separate from the state. The marriage of church and state which has a long and tragic history in Christianity has never been a happy one, especially for the church. It is a kind of shotgun marriage,

with the state holding the gun. It has always had in itself the seeds of spiritual tyranny. Whether the state tries to subordinate and use the church for its own end, or whether the church tries to use the state as an instrument for its purposes, the pattern in either case is irreconcilable with the ideal of religious freedom, and therefore Baptists must resist and reject both attempts. Let the church be the moral conscience of the state, as of any other organization or institution, but let it keep itself free from any entanglements with the state.

If ever it was imperative for Baptists to guard jealously this great and precious heritage of religious freedom against all encroachments, it is now. For the most terrifying fact of our time and the greatest problem of our civilization is the totalitarian state which does not only aim at the control of all economic, social and political life, but at the control of man's

inmost thoughts, his ultimate commitments, his very soul. And this deadly danger does not only exist in lands behind the various so-called "curtains", whether we call it the "iron" or the "bamboo" curtain, but it exists in every land today. For the tendency toward increasing power of the state is observable everywhere, and therefore the Christian must be twice vigilant everywhere.

He must guard existing civil rights. He must oppose efforts to make people think and believe alike. He must reject the claim of any state to define right and wrong. He will be willing to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, but he will not allow Caesar to determine what is his and what is God's, he will reserve that right for his own free conscience under God. The unforgettable George W. Truett liked to say that religious freedom is the nursing mother of all other freedoms. And how

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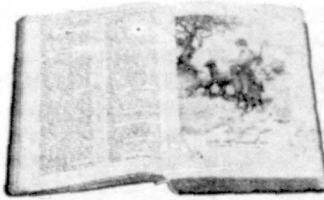
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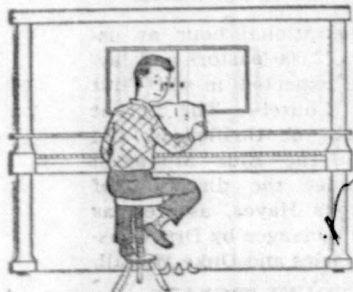


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Children's Page



A Man's Gift

By ELLEN BROWN

The house next door was like a king's house to Burt. He could hear the noise of fun-making. The boys were playing in Byron's game room. Byron brought his friends from the other side of town over to play. Byron had everything it seemed to Burt. He had a beautiful collie dog, that wasn't just a dog. It was a registered dog, not just a plain dog like most of Burt's friends had. The beautiful white breast and orange-yellow fur were thick with health and cleanliness.

He sat at his piano and looked out. Suddenly he jumped up and raised the window so he could hear. His mother came to the door.

"Burt, it's time to practice."

"I wish I could go next door and make friends with the new

boy," Burt said. "I don't want to practice."

"God has given you a great gift," said mother. "If you want to make friends with Byron, why don't you come straight from school?" she asked, and went back to her dinner-cooking.

That did give Burt something to think about. He supposed he had to stay for baseball. He was captain of the team. But when he did that first, he only had time to practice before dinner.

Slowly, his fingers began to strum the keys. He became interested and they flew. It was good to be able to play. He could play every tune in the hymn book. He played and forgot about the boy next door for a moment. He opened his book to the new piece his teacher said he was to learn. "Waves Upon The Sea," he said aloud, reading the title. But that made him feel worse. Byron had a boat with a real motor.

He began to play "Waves Upon The Sea." It was supposed to be a harder piece, but it wasn't hard for him. He could see the waves in his mind's eye. He was in a boat — Byron's boat, and the waves were underneath, rolling and rolling. He heard a slight knocking. He looked around his feet for Skippy. Had Skippy slipped in

the house again? But no, he heard Skippy's happy woof outside. He ran to the window to wave at Skippy. He jumped with surprise. Byron and his friends were standing outside the window. That was what the knocking had been.

"W-What?" Burt stammered.

"Could we come in and listen?" Byron asked. "Better still, come over and play for us!" the boys begged. Burt hurried from the room. They had been listening to him play! They liked the way he played. He would practice in Byron's game room! He would play the piano in the house that was like a king's house.

The boys gathered around him, talking about his music. "Play that last one," said Byron as they went into the big game room. It was like a dream from a book. It was big and clean. Baseballs and bats, tables with little squares, tennis rackets, basketballs — Burt had never seen so many things. "Even a piano!" Burt thought. A hymn book was on the piano so Burt turned through it.

"Everyone sing!" Byron said. "I've never heard anyone play as well as you for your age. You have a great gift."

"Thank you," Burt said. He felt very lucky about his gift. "And thank you, God," he thought as he played.

After awhile he stopped, and everyone went home for dinner.

Ludlow Baptists Occupy New Building

Formal opening services for the new Ludlow Baptist Church building were held Sunday, October 30. This new building, replaces the old structure which was destroyed by fire March 24 of this year.

The people of Ludlow are rejoicing in this fine building which contains sixteen Sunday School classrooms and an auditorium which will seat two hundred and sixty. It is a brick structure with up-to-date furnishings throughout and is valued at \$30,000.00.

Rev. Nat Mayhall is pastor.

Byron raced across his lawn with Burt. "Do you think you could go boating with us Saturday?"

Burt was so happy he could hardly talk — boating in a boat with a real motor.

"Y-Yes," he told Byron. "And thank you for everything!"

Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.

Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23 In this story what gift brought David before the King?

Can you name people from history whose great gifts, when trained, have brought them before great men?

Do you know people in your church who are gifted?

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My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Rev. W. O. Helms, Bruce
"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30

II. By A/2 Charles R. Potts, Keesler Air Force Base

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Psalms 28:7

III. By Mrs. Dow Scarbrough, Bentonla

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

IV. By Mrs. Will Inmon, Tupelo

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11.

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Winston Assoc. Elects Officers

The Winston Association met October 6 and 7, with the Oak Grove and Liberty Churches.

The following officers were elected: Moderator: Rev. Paul Wilson; Vice-Moderator: Rev. Estes Denton; Clerk: Berlin Hisaw; Treasurer: T. F. Stevens; Sunday School Superintendent: Bruce Mitchell; Training Union Director: Billy Tabor; Brotherhood President: Ed Vickers; and Music Director: Willie Chiles.

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. Deut. 14:22

"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE"

Twenty-Six Baptist Children's Homes in our Southern Baptist Convention spent five million dollars last year to care for over 5,000 homeless and needy children. Properties owned by these homes on present day values would equal fifty million dollars.

The oldest of our homes is ninety years old, and the newest was opened this year.

The children within our care receive excellent training and direction in the spiritual things of life as well as the material; for 562 were baptized last year.

Jesus not only said, "Go ye into all the world" but He also said when you take care of these opportunities around you, "you do it unto me."

THE CONGREGATION held on to every word as the singer so confidently voiced the spirit of the words in the song:

"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me. When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea . . . Stand by me."

How appropriately these words could have been spoken, written and sung by the 5,000 boys and girls in our twenty-six Baptist Children's Homes. They have literally been shaken, but now they have a refuge and an anchor through our Baptist Churches.

Many states take a special or regular Thanksgiving Offering for these Homes. "Stand by me" is an appeal that shall be heard and felt. This offering will provide the necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, education, and medical expenses.

"In the midst of tribulations . . . Stand by me."

—Wade B. East — Baptist Bulletin Service

IT WAS a miracle of our Lord and Saviour as He lived upon earth. With the compassion that beggars our description, He took the little and blessed it and fed the multitude.

His spirit lives on in his people and they feed the 5,000 every day of the year. Taking the little and the simple and putting it all together, they feed over 5,000 boys and girls three meals a day in Southern Baptists' twenty-six Children's Homes.

In all the homes in the convention for one meal, it would take 1,500 pounds of meat, 500 pounds of rice, 2 barrels of gravy, corn bread by the yard, 5,000 ears of corn, 650 gallons of milk, and 1,000 pies.

With physical and spiritual food, we feed the homeless. Remember the words, "Who gives himself with his alms feeds three, himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."

—W. G. Mize — Baptist Bulletin Service

REMEMBER YOUR OWN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI BY URGING YOUR PEOPLE TO MAKE A LIBERAL CASH THANKSGIVING OFFERING. The current operating cost of the Orphanage for the year was \$97,544.14, plus other expenditures for improvements, furniture, etc., in the amount of \$21,259.95 or a Grand Total of \$118,803.69. The total income from the pro rata distribution of 3% through the Cooperative Program was \$32,925.38 which means that the difference of \$85,878.31 must come from other sources. This amount came from bequests, interest on bonds, designated gifts and THE REGULAR THANKSGIVING OFFERING approved by our MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION. We know you will not FAIL TO DO YOUR BEST FOR THE CHILDREN THIS YEAR—THE LORD HAS RICHLY BLESSED MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS IN A WONDERFUL WAY. OUR GOAL — "ONE DAY'S PAY AS A CONTRIBUTION FROM EACH FAMILY OR ONE DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION FOR EACH RESIDENT MEMBER OF ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES."

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MISS SUE ELLER

Miss Sue Eller, of Pickens, S. C., is a new worker in the Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

As a church library field consultant, Miss Eller will assist in developing church library work in Baptist churches, and a field program to carry the book ministry to all Baptist churches.

RIDGECREST IN JACKSON HAS GRADUATION PROGRAM

Sunday night, October 16, was commencement night for twenty Sunday school workers in Ridgecrest church, Jackson, when they received their diplomas with seals.

This was the first such program for that fine and rapidly growing church, but it is only a foretaste of other good things to come in their program of training.

Some of these twenty received the Worker's diploma, some the Advanced and some the Master, with the seals attached. This represents a great deal of work, but it is a fine investment for any church to make. We always gain when we train our people for greater efficiency.

This church is not quite two years old yet as a church, and yet the Sunday school enrollment is 708, and the average attendance for four Sundays in September and October was 429.

Our sincere congratulations to pastor Fred Tarpley and all the members of that church on the great work they are doing.

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION HAS EXCELLENT CAMPAIGN

The week of October 17-20 was simultaneous Sunday school campaign in 19 churches in Calhoun association.

Missionary L. F. Haire had made excellent preparation, and the pastor and superintendents had cooperated in a great way to make the week's work very profitable.

Each of the churches used a

book on general Sunday school administration. This enables the workers to think and plan together as to improvement along many lines.

As a result of the week's work, a good number of new units were set up, as well as progress in other places in developing improved schools for Bible teaching to the largest number of people Sunday by Sunday.

We are most grateful to Brother Haire and all the others for giving us the privilege of sharing the time with them in that week's work.

NEWTON CHURCH PROMOTES PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM

We are indebted to Superintendent Harold Gallaspy, of the Newton Sunday school, for some good news about their school and program.

They set a new record last year in the total number of Sunday school study course awards, with 285. They also had more home study done than for any previous year, 71.

The superintendent set the pace for the year, with the completion of 25 books (this information was received from another person than the superintendent), and Mrs. Blanche Bassett was next with 18.

Their plans for the new year include a continued emphasis on training, a banquet in November, January Bible Study Week, more Standard units, and other items.

Rev. R. T. B. Leavell is the pastor.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 7—R. A. Focus Week; Rev Wayne F. Hart, Greene County Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

November 8—Rev. W. P. Young, Jackson Associational Missionary; W. W. Fulton, Mississippi College faculty.

November 9 — Mrs. Mynor Gamble, Madison Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, H. C. Hemphill, William Carey College faculty

November 10 — Rev. Maurice Clayton, Lee Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Mrs. C. S. Wilkins, Noxubee Associational Music Director.

November 11 — E. G. Ponders, Lowndes Associational Training Union Director; A. C. Johnson, Lauderdale Associational president.

November 12 — A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty; William C. Crabill, Blue Mountain College Trustee.

November 13—Paul Pryon, Administrator, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Alma Jeffries, Baptist Building.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. BOYD Sr.

50 Years Ago

Among those students at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. from Mississippi were W. R. Cooper, T. L. Holcomb, and J. E. Wills.

At the opening of Mississippi College on Nov. 1, 279 students were enrolled in spite of several postponements on account of the yellow fever scare. Rev. E. D. Solomon was one of the speakers "to the edification and enjoyment of the large and enthusiastic gathering."

40 Years Ago

Pastor A. H. Miller reports two revival meetings with two of his churches, Corinth and Gainsville, Pearl River County, which were carried on at the same time. Services with the Corinth church in the daytime and Gainsville at night. Evangelist E. S. P. Poole and Singer Herbert Davis assisted the pastor.

25 Years Ago

The New Site Church, Lincoln County, had 41 additions to the church from a meeting of days, 31 for baptism, Dr. C. C. Carroll of Baptist Bible Institute (New Orleans Seminary) pastor.

Rev. A. W. Talbert of Jackson did the preaching in the revival meeting in the Pearson Baptist Church, Rankin County, resulting in several additions by conversion.

The Shiloh Church, Chickasaw County, had fifteen accessions to the membership through baptism in which Pastor Lawrence C. Riley did the preaching.

Pastor O. H. Richardson had as his helper in a revival with the Sherman Baptist Church, Lee County, Rev. H. R. Holcomb of Tupelo which resulted in twelve additions by baptism.

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A. C. Wimpee

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Mr. Wimpee is to lead a conference in the afternoon for activities vice presidents, chairmen and members of all committees.

THE NIGHT SERVICE

The night service will be a

high inspirational hour as usual. Some 2,000 pastors and laymen are expected in old First Baptist Church. The great crowd will be thrilled by the music of the Blue Mountain choir under the direction of Mr. Brooks Hayes, as well as dynamic messages by Drs. Chester L. Quarles and Duke McCall.

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LAYMEN'S DAY REPORTS

We have in hand Layman's Day reports from scores of churches throughout the state. Space will not permit full treatment. Outstanding results were reported by Senatobia, Salem in Covington, Booneville in Prentiss, and many others. Evidently, more churches observed Layman's Day than ever in the past.

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According to the pastor, Rev. William O'Daniel, who lives in Memphis, the Askew Church in Panola County began a full-time program on October 2. Heretofore, the church has been half-time.

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Mr. Knox Lowther who made his home in the Baptist Orphanage until he was eighteen years of age has returned to his former home in charge of the Farm and Campus.

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Rev. Cecil Bearden has resigned the pastorate of the Bucatunna Church in Wayne County to accept the pastorate of the Ocaloanee in Georgia.

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Sharon Hudson, Spartanburg, S. C., is president of the freshman class at Blue Mountain College. Other officers, are: Gwenice Parker, Laurel, vice president; Marlon Basden, Sherman, treasurer; and Jo Beth Landrum, Laurel, Secretary.

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DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) —
Assets of Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board on Sept. 30 were \$40,479,392, according to Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed. Income for the first nine months of the year amounted to \$7,323,983. Total disbursements and expenditures were \$1,958,406, making a net gain of \$5,244,577.

Investment income showed an increase of \$492,983, and receipts from premiums and dues showed an increase of \$1,353,898.

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Joyce Simpson, a resident of the Baptist Orphanage and a Senior in Blue Mountain College was elected President of the B.S.U. and also awarded the Lowrey Scholarship in recognition for High Academic Work and Leadership Ability.

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According to Rev. Clarence Palmer, he and his wife have recently returned from a northeastern tour with the following impressions: "Nine hundred miles into New England and Canada and saw only one Baptist church that could be recognized; in one province in Canada only two per cent of the people are Protestants or Baptists; not a student in a small school we visited knowingly had ever seen a Baptist; on Sunday night no Baptist or Protestant church could be found in a town of five thousand in which to worship. It was near Montreal."

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Evangelist Billy Graham will hold a month-long series of meetings at the new state fairgrounds in Louisville, Ky., next fall. Announcement of plans for the meetings, to be held September 30 to October 28, 1956, was made by Rev. Henry Beach, pastor of the Third Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville. Beach is president of the Greater Louisville Evangelistic Crusade Inc.

with Billy Graham, an interdenominational committee of ministers that is arranging Mr. Graham's visit.

—BR—
J. V. Caldwell of Central Grove Church, Aberdeen, Miss. Route 1, writes that he received a letter from a minister who came from California, has a wife and three children, and wants "to come preach for us at Central Grove Church." The letter got misplaced and if the party who wrote this letter will write again to Mr. Caldwell he will appreciate it.

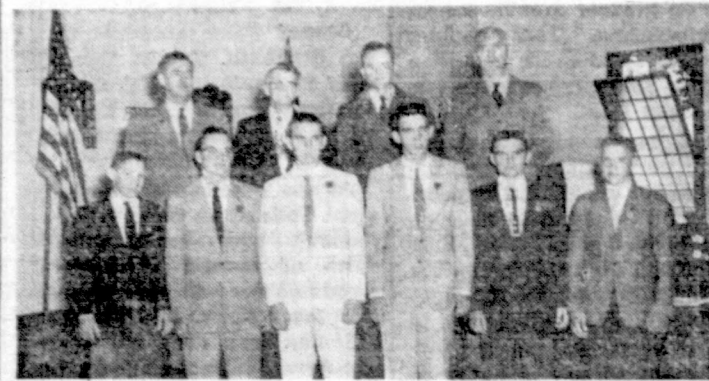
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THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE cared for 260 boys and girls during the past Convention Year. 103 children were admitted during this period. If your Church made a contribution through the Baptist Headquarters Office you had a part in assisting with their care. Perhaps you designated a gift for this purpose. If not, you will have an opportunity sometime during the month of NOVEMBER to make an offering as your THANKSGIVING LOVE Gift.

—BR—
Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Mauney, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Ray Taylor and Patty, Jackson; Mrs. Edgar Nettles, Jackson; Harry Jones, Lyle Taylor, Corinth; Robert E. Chastain, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Maben; Rev. David T. Cranford, Canton; James E. Powell, McComb; Mrs. C. R. Forsythe, Yazoo City; Sandra Forsythe, Yazoo City; Mrs. D. C. Williams, Summit; Rev. Martin Williams, Benton; Rev. Jack Southerland, Meridian.

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MADRID (RNC) — A Baptist chapel in Elche, Alicante Province, was closed Oct. 5 by order of the provincial civil governor. Protestant sources said here. They reported that three days before the order the church had opened its building and held its first service. There are about 60 members in the congregation.

—BR—
Second Church, Indianola, according to Pastor James D. Watson, has secured David Larimore as Minister of Music and Education and is making plans for the building of a new colonial auditorium and additional educational space. All of this has been done through tithes and offerings alone. The budget for the year was \$12,447.

Heuck's Retreat Presents 6 "God and Country" Awards



Shown above are, first row, left to right, George Flowers, Luther Bullard, Bobby Smith, Hamp Smith, George Wells, Joe Tex Terry. Back Row: Rev. H. P. Porter, J. T. Journeay, Mr. Trigleth, Henry Brown.

The Heuck's Retreat church gave six "God and Country Awards" recently to the following young men: Luther Bullard and Bobby Smith, Mississippi College students; Hamp Smith, high school senior; George Wells, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College student; Joe Tex Terry and George Flowers, high school students. These young men were required to pass the first four steps in the Royal Ambassador Chapter Ranking System, in addition to passing the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class in the Boy Scouts of America.

According to the pastor, Rev. H. P. Porter, "As far as we know this is the first church in Mississippi to give the 'God and Country Award' to six boys at one time."

An entire morning worship service was given to the presentation of the awards, in which Mr. Trigleth, District Executive of the Chippewa District, Boy Scouts of America, led the congregation in the allegiance to the American flag. Later he, Dick Morgan, and Royce Hart, District officers, brought messages. Other visitors connected with the Boy Scouts were Henry Brown of Jackson and Rae Godbold. The boys gave the R. A. allegiance and the Boy Scout allegiance, as well as telling something of the requirements which they had completed. The Troop is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class; J. T. Journeay is Scout Master.

The pastor presented the medals to the boys' fathers, who gave them to the mothers to pin on their sons.

Betty Jane Porter played the piano.

N. E. Pastors Release Conference Program

Rev. Frank Roblin, Tupelo, Program Chairman for the Northeast Pastor's Conference, has released the program for the next meeting of the Conference, which will be held at the Lowery Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, at 9:00 a. m., November 7. Lunch will be served by the host church.

President Howard Aultman, Tupelo, will preside; Rev. J. T. Hannaford will lead the singing; and Rev. J. N. Triplett, Blue Mountain, will conduct the devotional.

Speakers will be Rev. W. G. Winstead, Rienzi; Dr. James E. Southerland, Oxford; Dr. J. William Harbin, New Albany; Dr. H. R. Holcomb, Tupelo; and Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President, Blue Mountain College.

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Rev. Richard M. Barber, who has served as pastor of the Shiloh Church near Monticello in Lawrence County for the past year, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Spring Park Mission, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Barber is a native of Florida.

—BR—
Alumni and former students of Carson - Newman College will have a luncheon meeting at The First Baptist Church, Jackson, Thursday, November 17 following the noon session of the convention. The meal will be \$1.25 per plate.—Bryant M. Cummins

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Dr. Pepper Accepts Hospital Chaplaincy



Dr. C. Kenneth Pepper

Dr. C. Kenneth Pepper has accepted the Chaplaincy of the State Hospital at Whitfield. Dr. Pepper comes to Mississippi from the North Carolina Baptist Hospital - Bowman Gray School of Medicine where he has been teaching in their training program for ministers in Pastoral Care and Counseling.

Mississippi State Hospital hopes to offer this training for ministers and theological students by next summer.

Dr. Pepper is a native of Louisville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the Th. D. Degree from Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Ruleville, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Richmond, Virginia.

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M. C. Homecoming Set For Nov. 5

Mississippi College's first "on-the-campus" Homecoming since 1952, is scheduled for November 5 when the Choctaws meet the Hendrix College Warriors of Conway, Arkansas.

The Student Body President is Bud Walker, says "The reason we did not have Homecoming in connection with the Millsaps game as we have done in the past, is that students, faculty, and alumni leaders are anxious for the "old grads" to actually come to the college. When the Homecoming is in Jackson, so many of the alumni do not get to come to the campus and we feel that both the alumni and the college are missing something.

A highlight of the day will be the awarding of special citations to five outstanding alumni in various fields of work.

Heading the coronation ceremony planning committee are students Louise Touchstone and Mrs. Charlotte Worsham, who will also coordinate the ceremony with the band half-time show. Homecoming royalty will be freshman maid, Connie Buckels, Cleveland; sophomore maid, Liz Waldrop, Jackson; junior maid, Sandra Sandifer, Jayess; senior maid, Virginia McLain, Brandon; Maid of Honor Patsy Kelley, Pensacola, Florida; and Queen Gloria Cade of Jackson.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: W. R. Allen, Walnut; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Mrs. Warren Kraut, McComb; Barney Loper, De Kalb.

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Our Baptist Faith . . .

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true that is. In our time we have seen again and again that those who have learned to kneel before Almighty God will be the ones best able to stand up before any mortal man, dictator or otherwise. If ever there was a time for Baptists to proclaim in word and life their great principle of soul-liberty, that time is now.

And there is a fourth and last great Baptist distinctive: Evangelism. We do not replenish the membership of our churches through the birth-rate; we can only replenish and expand it through evangelism. Therefore, a Baptist church which does not believe in evangelism condemns itself to death.

That is why Baptists have been in the forefront of the world-wide missionary cause. The new missionary movement really began when a handful of Baptists in Kettering, England, after having listened to William Carey preach, founded the Baptist Foreign Mission Society and then sent Carey out as their first missionary to India.

It is this Baptist emphasis upon evangelism which made Oncken, the pioneer of the German Baptist movement, when asked in America how many evangelists and missionaries he had in the German Baptist churches, without hesitation answered: "Seven thousand," naming the total membership of his constituency; for, as he added: "Every Baptist a missionary."

We have come a long way from this ideal: Every Baptist a missionary. We leave the work of evangelism more and more to the professionals, whether ministers or other specialists in this field. I wish to remind you that Baptists in the past have become strong largely through the work of lay-people. Let us not forget that the first disciples of Jesus were lay-people, fishermen, peasants, craftsmen.

And then another thing: our evangelism should be wider, more inclusive. Are we not limiting our appeal for Christ too much to the individual, his personal life, his soul, and not enough also to his social life? Let us strive for an evangelism that aims at the redemption of life in its totality, and not just one part of it.

These, then, are some of our basic Baptist convictions, four sturdy pillars undergirding our fellowship: the authority of the Scriptures, the Church as a fellowship of believers, Freedom of Conscience, and Evangelism as the unfinished task of the church. But each of them presents a challenge to every new generation of Baptists. For only as each new generation puts its sweat and toil, and, if necessary, its blood and tears into the work of holding these

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Frank Horton

The Bible says we should give tribute to whom tribute is due. Much of the success of our recent convention at Miss. College was due, humanly speaking, to the efforts of Mr. Frank Horton, pictured above, the genial BSU Director for Miss. College. Mr. Horton, as he directed the multitudinous committees of M. C. students who worked on the many details connected with entertaining the Convention, by his happy, enthusiastic Christian attitude, encouraged and challenged all to do their best. The marvelous job of entertaining which was done attests to his excellent leadership. All of us in Miss. BSU are grateful to Mr. Horton and to all the M. C. students who had a part.

truths aloft, will they be maintained.

In the midst of all rejoicing about what God has given us, there is cause for earnest self-searching and deep repentance. Where we have failed, may God forgive us; where we have weakly stammered, may we, by His power, recover the authentic, firm voice of conviction; "for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?"

The world of today needs the Baptist witness; the universal Church needs the Baptist witness; may we be ready, by God's grace, to give it, unashamed and unafraid.

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Hollandale Church To Remodel Bldg.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, the Hollandale Church voted unanimously to remodel the church auditorium. The work will begin Nov. 2, and is to be completed before Christmas. The changes will re-locate the choir and baptistry, enlarge the church entrance, re-arrange the seating capacity, and refinish the auditorium.

Another Adult Department was organized in the Sunday School the first Sunday in October; Tom Hollingsworth is the Superintendent. The month of October has been devoted to Stewardship Emphasis, and the Cooperative Program gifts have been increased 100% in the Church Budget for the new year.

The Church is looking for a Music and Educational Director. At present the music is under

PEREGRINATIONS

Besides working on Convention, we have recently attended all sessions of Hinds County Baptist Association, when the Ass'n. voted a BSU Director for the colleges of the area; visited briefly at Miss. College; met with the BSU Committee of Hinds Ass'n, and attended one session of the First Annual State BSU Fall Retreat at Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson.

Concerning the latter, under the direction of Miss. Baptists' Negro Work Dept., Dr. W. A. Keel, Secretary, the theme was "Magnifying Christ"; students and leaders from Jackson College, Alcorn College and Miss. Vocational College were in attendance, and indications are that BSU will grow among the Negro students of Miss. We appreciated being asked to be on the program. National BSU Secretary S. E. Grinstead, of Nashville, Tenn., told the group that Negro BSU work is organized in 15 states and 39 colleges with 9 BSU Directors, 3 of whom, we are proud to say, are in Miss., and that 20,000 of 40,000 Negro Baptist students in the U. S. are being reached through BSU.

Miscellaneous

BSU Conventions — then Thanksgiving is the order in Nov. In the midst of all activities, let us not forget to stress the majors like Prayer, Bible Study, Church Loyalty, Personal Witnessing, Christian Recreation.

Blue Mountain has 208 Baptists, 166 belonging to Lowrey Memorial Church, according to Miss Imogene Polley, BSU Director. 300 attended a recent BSU reception; 100, a Freshman breakfast. No unsaved students are reported. There are 452 volumes in the BSU Library; 90 subscriptions to the Baptist Student.

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The Thaxton Church, Pontotoc County, went over the top on Sunday, October 23, when their drive to raise funds to pay off their debt on the parsonage there. Rev. Parte Tutor is the pastor.

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First Church, Purvis, set a goal of \$2500 for a fifth Sunday building fund goal, but raised \$3428.74! The church has been engaged in a building campaign for about two and a half years and has raised a total of \$29,489.37 for an educational unit. New property has been bought for this purpose. Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

the direction of O. M. Mangum and Paul N. Nunnery, deacons in the church.

The Building Committee is composed of R. A. Barefield, chairman; Mrs. E. C. Shackelford; and J. W. Fore. Rev. Joe W. Hudson is the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 30, 1955

Jackson, North Side	707	226
Eastside (Rankin)	102	51
Jackson, Calvary	1594	498
Main	1552	475
Mission	42	23
Byram	233	162
Flowood	91	107
Jackson, Parkway	1040	515
Edwards	89	48
Jackson, South Side	277	204
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	527	151
Jackson, Alta Woods	674	285
Jackson, West	365	179
Pearl (Rankin)	217	90
Jackson, Crestwood	647	412
Jackson, Hillcrest	301	183
Jackson, Highland	92	57
Clinton	1008	490
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	176	119
D'Lo	104	64
Mendenhall	332	143
Clear Branch (Rankin)	96	45
Brookhaven,		
Hamilton St.	129	81
Cross Roads (Rankin)	46	45
Soso, First	189	118
Purvis, First	309	85
Morton (Scott)	340	234
Main	280	138
Mission	60	96
Charleston, First	412	172
Murphy Creek		
(Winston)	171	84
Horn Lake	174	109
Booneville, First	306	127
Hernando	188	89
Canton,		
Center Terrace	273	188
Houston, First	348	184
Bruce	284	140
Kosciusko, First	771	232
Main	740	
Maple Mission	31	
Petal-Harvey	394	202
Main	340	193
Harvey	36	
Richton Road	18	7
Meridian,		
Poplar Springs Dr.	501	225
Amity (Chickasaw)	55	49
Ripley, First	314	123
Newton, First	497	250
Greenwood, North	359	115
Corinth, East	207	91
Concord (Choctaw)	111	90
Meridian, Eastview	203	124
Calvary (Alcorn)	110	69
Batesville, First	455	220
Brookhaven, Central	114	77
Pascagoula, First	825	291
Main	693	215
Orange Grove		
Chapel	83	54
McArthur Chapel	49	22
Petal, First	145	64
Wayside (Yalobusha)	43	40
Briar Hill (Rankin)	93	48
Biloxi, Trinity	259	105
Main	243	
Mission	16	
Hattiesburg, Temple	609	207
Laurel, Wildwood	238	76
Laurel, Highland	241	123
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	145	82
Gulfport,		
Grace Memorial	259	86
Crowder	169	122
Marks, First	262	89
Eupora, First	233	84
Gulfport, First	877	315
Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	129	91
McComb, Locust St.	113	69
Hattiesburg,		
Main Street	1155	759
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	226	154
Grenada, First	809	225

Bay St. Louis	140	55
Mississippi City	77	44
Lyon	190	91
Columbia, First	756	304
Main	671	247
South Columbia		
Mission	85	57
New Sight		
(Lincoln)	114	65
Laurel, First	621	163
Askew	33	33
Olive Branch	186	89
Greenwood, Calvary	440	184
Durant, First	310	134
Eastside Mission	29	
Ruleville	299	155
Calhoun City, First	357	168
Clarkson (Zion)	83	54
Brookhaven, First	789	275
Main	653	207
Southway	85	43
Halbert Heights	51	25
Clarksdale	462	153
Stonewall	203	115
Fellowship (Choctaw)	74	50
Jackson, First	1419	528
Jackson, Broadmoor	540	199
Providence (Lebanon)	204	104
Tupelo, Harrisburg	634	227
Corinth, Tate St.	229	91
Lucedale	402	169
Union (Walthall)	149	116
Anguilla	69	67
Hurricane Creek		
(Marion)	113	110
Greenville, Northside	126	76
Glenfield (Union Co.)	130	92
West Point, Calvary	339	190
Vicksburg, First	554	237
Cleveland, First	478	153
Main	444	
Chinese Mission	34	
Hattiesburg, First	654	272
Long Beach, First	260	75
Aberdeen, First	413	146
Starkville, First	733	324
Union Chapel		
(Chickasaw)	78	79
Jackson, Ridgecrest	411	176
Baldwyn	271	106
Brownsville, Beulah	93	65
October 23, 1955		
New Albany, First	701	231
North Side Mission	61	41
Pleasant Hill (Desoto)	51	20
Clarkson (Zion)	89	57
Olive Branch	187	97
Anguilla	76	65
Mississippi City	86	45
Lyon	196	90

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. Solie I. Smith, Canton; Mrs. C. W. Clark, Jackson; Mrs. C. H. Robbins, Jackson; A. B. Kelly, Jr., Yazoo City; Rev. Nat Mayhall, Ludlow; Rev. Taylor Wallace, Morton; Rev. Malcom Jones, Morton; M. P. Myers, Jackson; Rev. W. L. Broadus, Tylertown; Samuel M. Brown, Ackerman.

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Some of our Societies and our Young People's organizations will want to use this information to set high goals for their individual groups. Every group is different, but the need is so great that the Holy Spirit will inspire each group to give in a worthy way that the gospel may be preached all over the world.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Our 1955 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (November 28-December 2) will be celebrated in a disturbed and distressed world. It is important that we plan wisely for this great occasion. Last year over 5,000 societies failed to have a part in this great adventure. Was your society one that fell by the wayside? Last year more than 28,000 of our youth organizations failed to participate. Did any of these fail because you did not care enough to help plan for it? Let us see to it that every society observes the entire week this year. Much of the future security of our foreign mission work depends upon this week of prayer. Your prayer, your society's united intercession, the prayers of our youth, may tip the scales of this generation's balances and insure spiritual victory at home and abroad. Let us Haste . . . Pray . . . Make Known!

Because the Baptist women on six continents and the isles of the seas join with us makes this an unusual experience for us. It has great significance for every Baptist woman because

she can feel in close fellowship with Baptist women everywhere. Our Baptist sisterhood becomes alive and warm, and women sing with true conviction

"We are not divided; all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
one in charity."

Let us try to visualize these women as they meet. The weather conditions, the heat, the cold, the rain, the ice and snow. The places in which they meet. Their national dress, their language, their singing, above all the prayers they utter. What a difference—yet we are all one! Watch our Baptist sisters in Africa as they march to tribal drum beats; European sisters seeking places and means of keeping this prayer trust; Asian and Island sisters carrying clay lamps with flickering lights; sisters in North and South America and Australia wending their ways to the "place of prayer."

"The Day Spring from on High!" has been chosen as their theme. What a theme for this world! This Day Spring from on High is

RALEIGH, N. C. — (BP) —
Perry Morgan, who retired Dec. 31 after more than 20 years with the Baptist Sunday School Board, died here recently. For 10 years, he was manager of the Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., and for another 14 years served as business manager of the boys' camp there.

"To give light to them who sit in darkness . . .
To guide our feet in the way of peace."

There is only one way to peace, and that is to follow Christ and be directed by him. If we keep our hearts in union and communion with him we will come to the city of peace where they beat their swords into ploughshares and learn and fear war no more. The darkness all over the world might be but the shadow of Christ's hands, declaring, "I am the Light of the World: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Against the night a guiding star has shined, into the gloom a flaming hope has come, and all the hosts of evil have been unable to put out that light. The one demand for the darkness of our day is that—"The Day Spring from on High shall visit us."

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Recently, Pastor W. M. Crocker asked that the Baptist Record be sent on trial for a few weeks.

This was done, and as usual, the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows: Bradford Chapel, 18; ANTIOCH, 45; BANNER, 42; BETHANY, 83; BETHEL, 27; Big Creek, 1; BRUCE, 145; CALHOUN CITY, FIRST, 259; WILKINS HICKS MEMORIAL, 60; Calvary, 16; College Hill, 1; Concord, 16; DERMA, 54; Duncan Hill, 13; ELLARD, 33; Gaston Springs, 18; MACEDONIA, 43; Loyd, 17; MIDWAY, 34; MT. MORIAH, 30; New Hope, 1; New Providence, 2; OAK GROVE, 24; OLD TOWN, 24; Parker, 2; PILGRIM'S REST, 21; PITTSBORO, 35; PLEASANT RIDGE, 20; Pleasant Grove, 19; Providence, 6; SABOUGLA, 31; SAREPTA, 37; SHILOH, 43; Spring Creek, 1; Spring Hill, 2; VARDAMAN, 104; Rocky Branch, 1.

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Ft. Bayou Is Back

Due to local conditions Ft. Bayou Church in Jackson County discontinued the EVERY FAMILY Plan about a year ago. However, the people began to yearn for news about Baptists at home and abroad, and have now come back into the fold. Rev. Ed. Lewis is the pastor. The list was sent by Mrs. Blanche Ramsey.

Record readers in Jackson County are now listed as follows: BELLEFOUNTAIN, 27; EAST MOSS POINT, 183; Escatawpa, 2; Fort Bayou, 15; FRIENDSHIP, 34; GAUTIER, 54; HURLEY, 49; KREOLE, 52; MOSS POINT, 151; OCEAN SPRINGS, 29; PASCAGOULA, FIRST, 349; CALVARY, 118; EAST SIDE, 42; EASTLAWN, 121; JACKSON, AVENUE, 34; Red Creek-Union, 17; UNITY, 49; VANCELEAVE, 37; WADE, 53; RIVERSIDE, 74; Meadowview, 10.

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Lebanon Is No. 1143

One of the latest additions to the growing list of church that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record the Lebanon Church in Covington County. Rev. Edward Sullivan is the pastor.

This means that the 3 families of this good church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

When Converted?

Question: Our pastor said that he was brought up in a church, attended regularly, and did not know when he was saved.

My experience has been different. I remember the time and place. What is your experience in this matter?

Answer: I remember precisely when I received Christ as my Savior. It was an overwhelming, life-changing, dramatic experience.

But the human memory is very tricky. Many people who have received Christ, show real evidence of conversion, are trusting wholly in His grace, do not remember the time, place, or feeling connected with their salvation.

The important thing to remember is not the point of conversion but the fact. Being saved is a conscious experience. We are not converted in our sleep. We must consciously commit ourselves to the living Christ, renounce our self-dependence, and rely upon Him as Savior and Lord.

A friend of mine argues that he believes in capital punishment but does not remember when he began believing in it. But conversion is not an intellectual belief. It is commitment, repentance, trust.

Emotional experiences of conversion will vary widely from person to person, but it must be at a given point in time.

Your pastor may not remember, but if he is saved it occurred at one time and at one place.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City (Missouri).)

Record readers in Covington County are now listed as follows: BROOKLYN, 88; CARTERVILLE, 51; DIXIE, 63; ESTABUTCHIE, 22; GLENDALE, 69; GREEN'S CREEK, 40; HATTIESBURG, FIRST, 530; BOUIE STREET, 89; CENTRAL, 74; MAIN STREET, 713; TEMPLE, 457; 28TH AVENUE, 45; 38TH AVENUE, 140; 19TH AVENUE, 56; IMMANUEL, 136; IRENE CHAPEL, 67; LAKEVIEW, 13; McLAURIN, 44; MACEDONIA, 32; PETAL HARVEY, 218; PROVIDENCE, 111; RAWLES SPRING, 62; RIVER AVENUE, 47; PETAL, 65; PETAL, TEMPLE, 77; Fruitland Park, 2; Mars Hill, 3;

Texas Evangelist Denied Continued Stay In Italy

ROME (RNS) — The Rev. Cline R. Paden of Brownfield, Tex., head of the Churches of Christ in Italy, left here for the United States because the Italian Foreign Ministry refused to extend his permit to remain in this country.

Mr. Paden came to Italy seven years ago as leader of a group of American evangelists. His stay was marked by stormy sessions with the Italian police and other officials.

The American clergyman said he would visit Churches of Christ in the United States to speak on the subject of religious liberty in Italy.

Last year, and again this year, the Church of Christ in Rome was in conflict with the Italian police over a sign that members of the church put up three times. The police removed it three times, the last time in April, a few days after a Rome court upheld the group's right to display the sign. Two sect members were arrested and held briefly in the incident.

Later, Mr. Paden was given a suspended 10-day jail sentence and fined 3,000 lire for putting up an identification sign on his church here without police permission. The sentence was suspended pending an appeal which was filed immediately by Giacomo Rosapepe, attorney for the Texas missionary group.

In 1952, Churches of Christ in Italy were ordered closed, but then permitted to reopen.

Trouble for the original group of evangelists began in 1950 after they had established an orphanage in the Roman hill town of Frascati.

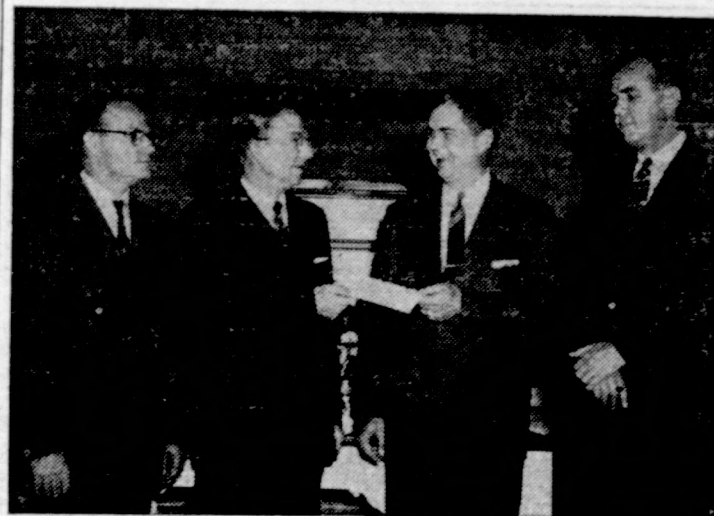
A spokesman for the Italian ministry that has charge of the non-Catholic religious groups in Italy said at the time there was no need for the orphanage.

Editor's note: This is a sample of ITALIAN religious liberty. In the United States there is no restriction on Catholic churches nor is there any restriction on the number of orphanages they or any other denomination may establish.

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HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING CASH LOVE OFFERING FOR THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE? IF NOT, MAKE PLANS IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM YOUR PEOPLE WELL IN ADVANCE SO THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE A LIBERAL OFFERING FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ZION HILL, 68; SOUTHSIDE, 62; LUMBERTON, 153; PURVIS, 172.



* Shown above is Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of the First Church, Greenwood, handing to Rev. Bill Watson, pastor of the North Greenwood Church, the deed to the property of the new North Greenwood Church as Otis Allen of the First Church deacons and Bill Whittington of the North Greenwood deacons look on.

The North Greenwood Church is the result of more than five years planning and work of the First Church in purchasing lots, erecting a building, and furnishing a nucleus of members to establish the new church. To date, the First Church has put more than \$65,000.00 into this work.

HOW TO CLOSE THE "BACK DOOR"

By

Dr. ROBERT J. HASTINGS

"There was a greater increase in non-resident church members than in resident members in 1954." So reads the last paragraph of a recent Baptist Press release.

This is discouraging in view of the unparalleled growth of Southern Baptists. It indicates our new converts go out the back door faster than they come in the front. And for all practical purposes, the non-resident member is a loss as far as his service to any particular church is concerned. His life is an investment bearing no return. Somewhere at sometime he was contacted and led to Christ and baptized. Effort, time, and money were spent to reach him. But no return is being realized. He is not giving to missions, he is not winning others, and in many instances he is cold and indifferent.

Much has been written about the non-resident problem. No one "cure-all" is likely to be found. But I would like to propose a suggestion that can help some.

Recently a graduate of the University of Wisconsin visited in our home. While in the University at Madison, Wisc., he was active in the newly formed Immanuel Baptist Church. It is the only Southern Baptist church in that city. I asked how this little-known church, with no building of their own, ever located him in a student body of 15,000. He explained that his home church in Mississippi sent him their state paper, and that the Madison church had contacted various denominational pap-

ers for lists of subscribers in Madison. After getting the list from "The Baptist Record," they visited and enlisted him.

Since much of the non-resident problem is locating such members who move away, why not duplicate this throughout our Convention? Two steps are necessary.

First, encourage every church to keep non-residents on their subscription lists. Wherever the absentee member moves, the post office will notify the paper of his change of address. He can't get away without the state paper having a record of his new address! Second, the state papers could periodically distribute lists of their subscribers who have moved into states or areas where Southern Baptist work is in its infancy. Thousands of Southern Baptists have moved north and west leaving no addresses with their home churches. Keeping them on the subscription lists of the state papers would eliminate this.

This plan may be too ambitious to be practical. But it would conserve some, as it did this Mississippian who found a church home in Wisconsin.

There are other benefits too. Circulation of state papers would increase as non-residents are retained rather than being dropped. And Baptists on the move would have one link with their denomination that emphasized their responsibility to Christ and his churches wherever they lived — the denominational paper!

The back door must be closed! Our state papers, with local church cooperation, can give it a hard push if they try!

23 Have Perfect Attendance Record



Twenty-three members of the First Church of Calhoun City have maintained a perfect attendance record in Sunday School for the past 4 years.

They are: in the wheel chair, Miss Connie Lee Murphree; first row, left to right: Thomas Lee Parker, Hank Dobbs, Nancy Boland, Sandra Walters, Jerry Crocker, second row: Jan Cutrell, Larry Taylor, Wayne Crocker,

Eleanor Vance, Jimmy Cutrell, Sandra Taylor; third row: Connie Vaughn, Tommy Lovorn, Lanny Gregory, Ann Mallory Parker, Mrs. C. H. Cutrell; fourth row: Rev. C. H. Cutrell, pastor, Harry Robinson, C. C. Parker, S. S. Supt.

Those not pictured who also received the bar: L. M. Vance, John Edmondson, Leon Vance.

Japan Baptists Dedicate Three School Buildings

Baptist influence in Japan continued to increase last week as Japanese Baptists dedicated three major school buildings on the island of Kyushu.

The main building of the Japan Baptist Theological Seminary near Fukuoka City was dedicated on October 11 by national Baptist leaders, educators, and missionaries. Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, delivered the dedicatory address.

Administrative offices, classrooms, library, and a chapel are located in the three-story, \$100,000 structure. A large

dormitory and a conference-treat lodge were built previously on the new seminary campus.

At Seinan Jo Gakuin, girls' school in Kokura, two high school buildings costing \$200,000 were dedicated October 12. An ultramodern high school administration and classroom building was named in honor of President Emeritus Matsuta Hara.

In the same ceremonies, a large, well-equipped gymnasium for the school's 1,700 students was also dedicated. Money for both buildings was a gift from the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

Baptists Ask Ban On Sunday High School Games

HAVERHILL, Mass. (RNS)—A ban on Sunday football for public high schools in the state was urged by the Massachusetts Baptist Convention at its 153rd annual convention here.

The delegates asked the Convention's department of Christian social relations, "in cooperation with other religious bodies," to file a petition with the state legislature to outlaw such Sunday games.

The Baptists said Sunday football "greatly disrupts the program of our churches by making it impossible for players,

band members and others to attend morning worship services and youth programs."

Churches and church councils in communities directly concerned with the problem were urged to request local authorities to prohibit the use of municipal properties for Sunday football.

The resolution said a research project conducted by the Encyclopedia Britannica reveals that football is not played by public secondary schools on Sunday in 44 states.

'Mike' Wants Sponsor For U. S. A. Education

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — "Mike," a 19-year-old Korean youth, wants to come to America to study, then return to be the "Billy Graham" of his own country.

"Mike's" real name is Park Bon II, and during the Korean war, he lost track of his family and later associated himself with a Southern Baptist chaplain and missionary family in Korea.

The youth needs a sponsor before he can come to the United States to attend Baptist-supported Campbellsville Junior College here, someone who will stand good for him while in America.

The sponsor, according to government immigration officials, must own property and may have to put up a bond on "Mike's" behalf.

Campbellsville Junior College said a scholarship, plus room and board will be provided Mike if he is admitted to the United States.

In Korea, "Mike" learned English and Bible from Maj. David Weaver, Southern Baptist Army chaplain now based at Fort Knox, Ky. They met in 1950-51. After the chaplain left Korea, "Mike" was "adopted" by Southern Baptist missionaries John A. Abernathy and Mrs. Abernathy at Seoul, Korea.

"Mike" will complete his high school work in March. His ambition to be the "Billy Graham" of Korea dates back to an occasion when "Mike" heard the evangelist preach in Korea, Maj. Weaver reported.

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Accepts Pastorate At Bouie Street



Rev. Julius C. Thompson

Shown above is Rev. Julius C. Thompson who served as Pastor of the Beulah Baptist Church, Polkville, Miss. for several years. He has accepted Pastorate of the Bouie Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

The work at Beulah grew substantially under his leadership, including a new brick church building during his Pastorate.

Mr. Thompson succeeds Rev. J. H. Cothen Sr. who resigned account of ill health.

Suggests Solution To Non-Resident Membership Problem

By EDITH COREY

(Editor's Note: The author a ninety-one-year-old member of a Florida Baptist Church. She has been a Baptist since 1886. This article first appeared in Southern Baptist Home Missions.)

I take Home Missions and the church gives all its members The Baptist Witness and I read them.

This non-resident membership problem is much talked about in the papers.

I believe one reason that since 1886, the year I was baptized, I have moved my letter as I traveled from place to place is my early training. For the first sixteen years of my church membership we had the Lord's Supper monthly and at the prayer meetings the pastor would always read the church covenant. All present would stand during the reading and it was impressive. After the reading of the covenant, we followed the pastor's lead and told how God had led us through the month.

Editor's Note: The idea is good but how would this plan help the absent ones?

Loyalty to that pledge has, I know, been a guide as I moved here and there.

The covenant as it was drilled into me meant loyalty to my church, giving to its support, temperance in all things, seeking the lost, prayer for all including pastor, and above all, loyalty to my Lord. I believe without that training, I would probably have been a non-resident member, not especially interested in keeping my membership where I lived.

I can count five memberships before coming to Florida and three in this state, and in none has the covenant been seemingly considered worth drilling into the new members. When I came to Chipecy in 1943, I found one member who had not known there was a church covenant until I copied mine for her.

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Trinity Adds Two To Staff

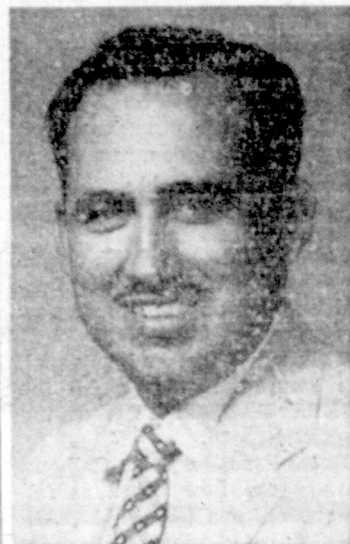
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig have been added to the staff of Trinity Church, Biloxi, as Minister of Music and Education and Church Secretary, respectively.

Mr. Craig is a student in the School of Sacred Music at New Orleans Theological Seminary.

Both are natives of North Carolina and were graduated from Mars Hill Junior College. Mr. Craig holds Bachelor of Music and Education Degree from Lenior Rhyne College. For the past four years he served on the staff of East Belmont Church, Belmont, N. C.

Rev. Hoffman Harris is the pastor.

Auburn (Lee) Calls Pastor



Rev. Fred Hague

Rev. Fred Hague, pastor of the Friendship Church in Pontotoc County, has accepted the pastorate of the Auburn Church in Lee County.

The Auburn Church, for the first time in its history, is entering upon a full-time program.

Mr. Hague will be the first occupant of the recently-constructed pastorium, which is fully paid for.

He has held pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma and the following Mississippi churches: Endville, Pontotoc County; and Friendship, Pontotoc County.

A former Catholic, he is a native of New Orleans.

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MADRID (RNS) — The Spanish government ordered that full military honors be paid to the skull of St. Ignatius Loyola in all cities, towns and villages where it is carried in processions during the current year-long celebration honoring the founder of the Society of Jesus. The observance, which was formally opened last July 31 by Pope Pius XII, will culminate on July 31, 1956, the 400th anniversary of the saint's death.

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RELIEF — (BP) — L. Taylor Daniel will join the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board Nov. 1 as associate secretary. In that capacity, he will be director of annuities and also head the relief department. Daniel comes to the R&A Board from the Texas state convention, where he has been endowment secretary since 1953. A native of Arkansas, Daniel is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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